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As the only guarantee of the permanency and prosperity of a republic is to be found in the intelligence and virtue of the people, I consider it of the first importance to imbue the mind early with religious sentiments; I have therefore prepared, in the SCRIPTURE MANUAL, a series of exercises which are intended to present the great fundamental truths of our holy Christianity in a way calculated to interest the youthful mind in the study of the Bible, and to impress the heart with feelings of a religious and devotional character.

To prevent that wandering of the mind which is too common in schools on the ordinary reading of a chapter by the teacher, as well as to engage all present in a direct act of devotion, I deemed it advisable to make a part of the exercises consist of alternate readings and responses by the teacher and the scholars. As these are made up of extracts from the Bible, it is hoped they will prove acceptable to all denominations of Christians.

After singing one of the hymns, and reading the morning or evening lesson, the teacher will offer a prayer to the Throne

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To meet a want experienced by superintendents and teachers of Sabbath-schools, I have prepared a similar work, entitled THE SABBATH-SCHOOL MANUAL, consisting of suitable exercises for the opening and closing of schools each Sabbath of the year.

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SCRIPTURE MANUAL.

ETERNITY OF GOD.

First Sunday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 1. L. M.

Hebron.

ERE mountains rose in form sublime,
Or heaven and earth in order stood,
Before the birth of ancient time,
From everlasting thou art God.

A thousand ages, in their flight
With thee are as a fleeting day;
Past, present, future, to thy sight
At once their various scenes display.

But our brief life's a shadowy dream,
A passing thought, that soon is o'er,—
That fades with morning's earliest beam,
And fills the musing mind no more.

To us, O Lord, the wisdom give,
Each passing moment so to spend,
That we at length with thee may live
Where life and bliss shall never end.

HYMN 2. P. M.

Arnon.

THOU God of power, thou God of love,
Whose glory fills the realms above,
Whose praise archangels sing,
And veil their faces while their cry,
Thrice Holy, to their God Most High,
Thrice Holy, to their King:—

Thee as our God we too would claim,
And bless the Saviour's precious Name,
Through whom this grace is given;
He bore the curse to sinners due,
He forms their ruined souls anew,
And makes them heirs of heaven.

The veil that hides thy glory rend,
And here in saving power descend,
And fix thy blest abode;
Here to our hearts thyself reveal,
And let each waiting spirit feel
The presence of our God.

Teacher. Thus saith the Lord, the king of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last, and besides me there is no God. Isa. xliv. 6.

Scholars. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. Isa. xliii. 10.

T. Yea, before the day was, I am he; and there is none

that can deliver out of my hand. I will work and who shall let it? Isa. xliii. 13.

S. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Ps. xc. 2.

T. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Rev. i. 8.

S. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. Ps. cii. 25, 26, 27.

T. Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance unto all generations. Ps. cii. 12.

S. Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen nor can see. 1 Tim. vi. 16.

T. The Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King. Jer. x. 10.

S. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Ps. cxlv. 13.

T. He liveth for ever and ever; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. Dan. iv. 34.

S. The Lord is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land. Ps. x. 16.

T. For he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. Dan. vi. 26.

S. There is none like unto the Lord our God. Ex. viii. 10,

T. Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Rev. iv. 8.

S. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. i. 17.

PRAYER.

BEFORE the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. While the shining orders around thy throne prostrate themselves before thee, we who are inferior intelligences—the degenerate sons and daughters of a fallen race—desire to come into thy presence, and adore the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy.

Almighty Father! we are beings of but yesterday, but thou art from everlasting; our days are as an handbreadth, and our age is as nothing before thee, but thou art to everlasting. Yet we adore thy boundless benevolence, that for us sinners not only peace and pardon, but life and immortality have been brought to light in the gospel of thy Son. Glory be to thy name for our redemption from hell and the grave by the death and suffering of the Saviour, and for the blessed hope that because he lives we shall live also, and shall participate in the eternity of thy own existence, when the earth and the heavens are departed as a scroll and there is no more sea.

We thank thee for all the means of grace appointed to fit us for immortality with thee in heaven—for the gift of a Redeemer and for the guidance and comforts of the Holy Spirit. We thank thee for thy divine word, for thy holy Sabbaths and for the institution of thy Church, with its preached gospel, its blessed sacraments, its solemn ordinances and its Christian fellowship.

Eternal Father! teach us who are children of eternity, aspirants for another and a better world, that every day and every hour allotted us is a period of probation for our final change. Lord, enable us to make a wise improvement of every means of grace. Pardon all our sins, seal us now by thy spirit unto the day of redemption, and at length administer unto us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, etc.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

First Sunday in the Month. Evening

HYMN 3. L. M.

Saxton.

ETERNAL power, whose high abode
Becomes the grandeur of a God:
Infinite lengths, beyond the bounds
Where stars revolve their little rounds:

Thee while the first archangel sings,
He hides his face behind his wings:
And ranks of shining thrones around
Fall worshiping upon the ground.

Lord, what shall earth and ashes do?
We would adore our Maker too;
From sin and dust to thee we cry,
The Great, the Holy, and the High.

Earth, from afar, hath heard thy fame,
And men essay to lisp thy name:
But oh! the glories of thy mind
Leave all our soaring thoughts behind.

HYMN 4. S. M.

Stoneville.

BEHOLD! the lofty sky
Declares its maker, God;
And all his starry worlds on high
Proclaim his power abroad.

The darkness and the light
Still keep their course the same;
While night to day, and day to night,
Divinely teach his name.

In every different land
Their general voice is known;
They show the wonders of his hand,
And orders of his throne.

Ye Christian lands! rejoice;
Here he reveals his word;
We are not left to nature's voice,
To bid us know the Lord.

Teacher. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. Ps. cxlv. 3.

Scholars. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. Ps. cxlv. 4.

T. Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jehovah. Ps. lxviii. 4.

S. That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth. Ps. lxxxiii. 18.

T. Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God; the earth also, with all that therein is. Deut. x. 14.

S. O Lord God, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand; for what god is there in heaven or earth that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? Deut. iii. 24.

T. The Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. Deut. x. 17.

S. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods. 1 Chron. xvi. 25.

T. For who in the heavens can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? Ps. lxxxix. 6.

S. Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart. 1 Kings viii. 23.

T. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. Ps. lxxxix. 7.

S. There is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might; who would not fear thee, O King of nations? Jer. x. 6, 7.

T. The great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name; great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give every one according to the fruit of his doings. Jer. xxxii. 18, 19.

S. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty. Ps. civ. 1.

T. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain. Ps. civ. 2.

S. Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind. Ps. civ. 3.

T. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.

S. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul! Ps. civ. 35.

PRAYER.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, thou art great and greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about thee. While angels and archangels veil their faces in thy presence and worship thee, crying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, we thy creatures who have our habitations in the dust, which are crushed before the moth and who do all fade away as a leaf, would adore thee as the Creator of all things, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Author of life and being, who alone hast immortality, impress our hearts ever with the reality and importance of our eternal destiny. Amid the vain pursuits and illusive hopes of time, suffer us not to forget the pure and abiding joys of eternity. Under the burdens and disquietudes of our earthly pilgrimage, cheer and console us with the reflection that our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, will work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Son of God, by thy sufferings and death, elevate our thoughts to that inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and which fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens. Holy Spirit of grace, win our hearts away from the world, and woo them to thyself and to the joys of eternity.

Lord, we have seen thy glory this day in thine earthly abode; bless to us the exercises of the Sabbath, preserve us during the night which is coming on, and bring us at length to thine upper sanctuary, where there is no more night, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, etc.

THE GLORY OF GOD.

First Monday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 5. C. M.

Arlington.

FATHER, how wide thy glory shines!
How high thy wonders rise!
Seen in the earth by thousand signs,
By thousands in the skies:

The mighty orbs declare thy power;
Their motions speak thy skill;
And on the wings of every hour
We read thy patience still.

But when we view thy strange design
To save rebellious worms,
Where vengeance and compassion join
In their divinest forms;

Here the whole Deity is known,
Nor dares a creature guess
Which of the glories brightest shone—
The justice, or the grace.

HYMN 6. C. M.

Marlow.

O LORD, our King, how excellent
Thy name on earth is known;
Thy glory in the firmament,
How wonderfully shown!

When I behold the heavens on high,
The work of thy right hand;
The moon and stars amid the sky,
Thy lights in every land,—

Lord! what is man, that thou shouldst
On him to set thy love,
Give him on earth a while to reign,
Then fill a throne above?

O Lord, how excellent thy name;
How manifold thy ways!
Let time thy saving truth proclaim,
Eternity thy praise.

Teacher. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the Lord our God who dwelleth on high? Ps. cxiii. 4–7.

Scholars. Blessed be thy glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou even thou art God alone; thou hast made heaven—the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee. Neh. ix. 5, 6.

T. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. Ps. xix. 1. 2.

S. All the gods of the people are idols; but the Lord made

the heavens. Glory and honor are in his presence, strength and gladness are in his place. 1 Chron. xvi. 24.

T. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Ex. xv. 11.

S. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come unto his courts. Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him all the earth. Ps. xcvi. 8, 9. 10.

T. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among the people; for the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. Ps. xcvi. 3, 4.

S. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Ps. xcvi. 7.

T. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. Ps. cxlv. 5.

S. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. Ps. cxlviii. 13.

T. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens! Ps. viii. 1.

S. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. xl. 4.

T. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hab. ii. 14.

S. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever, the Lord shall rejoice in his works. Ps. civ. 31.

T. Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place. Ezek. iii. 12.

S. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doth wondrous things. Ps. lxxii. 18.

T. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen and Amen! Ps. lxxii. 19.

S. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory. Isa vi. 3.

PRAYER.

O LORD our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens! While cherubim and seraphim do continually cry, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, we thy creatures would adore thy glorious majesty, O God, for who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods, who is like thee glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders!

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth thy handiwork: day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. When we behold thy wisdom and thy goodness throughout inanimate creation and in the creatures thou hast formed, we can but exclaim, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Sovereign of the universe, thou hast prepared thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all. A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. We bless thee for the power and goodness manifested in that providence which is over all the works of thy hands, but we adore thee for the richer displays of thy grace in the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the brightness of thy glory and the express image of thy person.

Spirit of grace, affect all hearts with the glories of our Redeemer's person, the condescension of his life, the wonders of his death, and the infinite righteousness he has purchased for sinful man, until he shall have the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Hear us now, we beseech thee, O Lord, with divine acceptance, own us, bless us, and receive us for the Redeemer's sake. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD.

First Monday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 7. L. M.

Old Hundred.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and he destroy.

His sov'reign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and form'd us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we stray'd,
He brought us to his fold again.

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful [songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding [praise.

Wide as the world is thy command;
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

HYMN 8. S. M.

Silver Street.

COME sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing;
Jehovah is the sov'reign God,
The universal King.

He form'd the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The wat'ry worlds are all his own,
And all the solid ground.

Come, worship at his throne,
Come, bow before the Lord;
We are his works, and not our own,
He form'd us by his word.

To-day attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod;
Come, like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.

Teacher. O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Ps. lxxxix. 8.

Scholars. I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself. Isa. xliv. 24.

T. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. Isa. xl. 12.

S. He hath made the earth by his power, he hath estab-

lished the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. Jer. x. 12.

T. My hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens. Isa. xlviii. 13.

S. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world, and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them. Ps. lxxxix. 11.

T. I have made the earth, the man, and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power, and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. Jer. xxvii. 5.

S. In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Job xii. 10.

T. He calleth the creatures all by names; by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. Isa. xl. 26.

S. He doeth great things, and unsearchable, marvelous things without number. Job v. 9.

T. Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty. Rev. xv. 3.

S. In his hands are the deep places of the earth, the strength of the hills is his also. Ps. xcv. 4.

T. By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens, his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. Job. xxvi. 13.

S. The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Ps. xcv. 5.

T. The Lord maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters. Isa. xliii. 16.

S. He doeth according to his will, in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? Dan. iv 35

T. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory. 1 Chron. xxix. 11.

S. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen! 1 Pet. v. 11.

T. Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come! Rev. iv. 8.

PRAYER.

O LORD our God, thou art very great, thou art clothed with honor and majesty. How manifold are thy works! in wisdom and goodness hast thou made them all. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them. In thy hands is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Our Father and God, we thank thee for our creation and preservation: it is in thee we live, and move, and have our being. We thank thee that thou hast not made us as the beasts that perish, but that there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding. We bless thee that thou hast made us in thine own image, with faculties capable, in some degree, of appreciating thy power and loving thy excellence.

Inspire our hearts with gratitude for the opportunities which we enjoy of acquiring an education; and grant that while we are gaining that knowledge which will fit us for usefulness in the world, we may obtain that higher and better knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation, and shall fit us for eternity. Bless the young in their studies: may the truths of science and literature elevate their minds to the great source of all power and goodness: from the contemplation of the created may they rise to the Creator and come to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Thy goodness has preserved us during the day, watch over us this night, and by thy power defend us. In firm reliance on thy providence may we ever be able to exclaim, Alleluia! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. And, at last, may we be saved with the power of an endless life. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

First Tuesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 9. C. M.

Naomi.

JEHOVAH GOD, thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
Oh may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to thee.

If on the wings of morn we speed
To earth remotest bound,
Thy hand will there our journey lead,
Thine arm our path surround.

Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

From morn till noon—till latest eve,
Thy hand, O God, we see;
And all the blessings we receive
Proceed alone from thee.

HYMN 10. C. M.

Heber.

FATHER of spirits, nature's God,
Our thoughts are known to thee;
Thou, Lord, canst hear each idle word,
And every action see.

Could we, on morning's swiftest wings,
Fly through the trackless air,
Or dive beneath deep ocean's springs,
Thy presence would be there.

In vain may guilt attempt to fly,
Conceal'd by darkest night;
One glance from thy all-piercing eye
Can bring it all to light.

Search thou our hearts, and there destroy
Each secret bosom sin,
And fit us for those realms of joy,
That we may enter in.

Teacher. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Prov. xv. 3.

Scholars. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Heb. iv. 13.

T. Mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. Jer. xvi. 17.

S. Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jer. xxxii. 19.

T. Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? Prov. xv. 11.

S. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Ps. cxxxix. 1, 2.

T. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Ps. cxxxix. 3.

S. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thy hand upon me. Ps. cxxxix. 4, 5.

T. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? Jer. xxiii. 23, 24.

S. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up unto heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. Ps. cxxxix. 7, 8.

T. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. Ps. cxxxix. 9, 10.

S. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me. Ps. cxxxix. 11.

T. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Ps. cxxxix. 12.

S. Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God: there is none else beside him. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Deut. iv. 35, 39.

T. Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen. 1 Tim. vi. 15, 16.

PRAYER.

ADORABLE Jehovah, unsearchable and incomprehensible God, who fillest heaven and earth with thy presence, Father of all our mercies, and God of all grace, we thank thee that thy watchful care was our defence during the night; that we laid down and slept, and have risen up again, because thou hast sustained us.

Great and omnipresent Deity, thou art everywhere, beholding the evil and the good. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Oh may a realizing sense of thy presence inspire seriousness and encouragement and consolation. May it preserve us from sin, animate us to a cheerful discharge of our duties, and enable us to bear, with pious resignation, the afflictions and sorrows of life.

Omnipresent and omniscient God, who art everywhere, beholding the evil and the good, be very near to us in all times of difficulty, in danger and in the hour of death; and in the solemnities of the judgment clothe our naked souls with the garments of Christ's righteousness. For the blessings of the past night we thank thee, O Lord: keep us this day in thy fear, and save us for the Redeemer's sake. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OMNISCIENCE OF GOD.

First Tuesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 11. C. M.

Naomi.

LORD, all I am is known to thee;
In vain my soul would try
To shun thy presence, or to flee
The notice of thine eye.

Thy all-surrounding sight surveys
My rising and my rest,
My public walks, my private ways,
The secrets of my breast.

My thoughts lie open to thee, Lord,
Before they're formed within,
And ere my lips pronounce the word,
Thou knowest the sense I mean.

O wondrous knowledge! deep and [high:
Where can a creature hide?
Within thy circling arms I lie,
Beset on every side.

HYMN 12. S. M.

TO God, the only wise,
Our Saviour, and our King,
Let all the saints below the skies
Their humble praises bring.

'Tis his almighty love,
His counsel and his care,
Preserve us safe from sin and death,
And every hurtful snare.

He will present our souls,
Unblemished and complete,
Before the glory of his face,
With joys divinely great.

To our Redeemer God
Wisdom with power belongs;
Immortal crowns of majesty,
And everlasting songs.

Teacher. The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 1 Sam. ii. 3.

Scholars. All things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Heb. iv. 13.

T. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts xv. 18.

S. God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven. Job xxviii. 23, 24.

T. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Ps. xxxiii. 13, 14.

S. The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. xvi. 7.

T. Give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men); that they may fear thee all the days that they live. 1 Kings viii. 39, 40.

S. The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. 1 Chron. xxviii. 9.

T. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Ps. cxxxix. 1, 2.

S. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Ps. cxxxix. 3.

T. There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Ps. cxxxix. 4.

S. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Ps. cxxxix. 5.

T. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Ps. cxxxix. 6.

S. Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite. Ps. cxlvii. 5.

T. Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen. 1 Tim. vi. 15, 16.

S. Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. xi. 33.

T. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24, 25.

PRAYER.

GLORIOUS Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Thou art the unsearchable and incomprehensible Lord God! Who by searching can find out God? Who can find out the Almighty unto perfection? When we consider thy infinite attributes, the wisdom of thy counsels, thy power in creation the mysteries of thy providence, and the wonders of redemption, we can but exclaim, Oh the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

God of Omniscience, thine eyes are upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. O Thou that searchest the heart and triest the reins of the children of men, may each one of us feel in his heart, O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me; thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thoughts afar off. May the solemn truth, Thou God seest me, restrain each of us from sin, and lead us to the worship of thy great name in spirit and in truth.

Make us circumspect, O Lord, we beseech thee, not only in our actions and in our thoughts, but in our speech also; for there is not a word in our tongues, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. May we seek to conform our lives to thy law, and thus ever be thy willing subjects, who art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEVOLENCE OF GOD.

First Wednesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 13. C. M.

Jewell.

LET every tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sov'reign Lord of all;
Thy strength'ning hands uphold the [weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

When sorrows bow the spirit down,
When virtue lies distress'd
Beneath the proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the mourner rest.

Thou know'st the pains thy servants [feel,
Thou hear'st thy children cry;
And their best wishes to fulfill
Thy grace is ever nigh.

Thy mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere: [love
Thou sav'st the souls whose humble
Is join'd with holy fear.

HYMN 14. C. M.

Devon.

JEHOVAH, God, thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
Oh may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to thee.

If on the wings of morn we speed,
To earth's remotest bound,
Thy hand will there our journey lead,
Thine arm our path surround.

Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies

From morn till noon—till latest eve,
Thy hand, O God, we see:
And all the blessings we receive,
Proceed alone from thee.

Teacher. O Lord, thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. Ps. cxix. 68.

Scholars. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. Ps. xxxvi. 7.

T. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. Ps. cxlv. 7.

S. The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. Ex. xxxiv. 6, 7.

T. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Ps. ciii. 4.

S. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

T. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov. viii. 17.

S. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lam. iii. 25.

T. Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

S. Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. Jer. xxxi. 3.

T. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John iv. 16.

S. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 John iii. 1.

T. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John iii. 2.

S. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. ii. 9.

T. The Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Ps. c. 5.

S. Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness; thy word is true from the beginning, and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. Ps. cxix. 159, 160.

T. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Ps. cvii. 8.

S. Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Ps. lxviii. 19.

T. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. ciii. 2.

S. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Ps. civ. 35.

PRAYER.

CREATOR of the ends of the earth, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom and goodness thou hast made them all. Thy hand has garnished the heavens with glory, and decked the earth with beauty; with the sun and the rain thou hast clothed the ground with flowers, and caused grass to grow for cattle, and corn for the service of man: thou loadest also the trees with fruit and fillest the fields with plenty. The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.

God of benevolence, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we thank thee for thy goodness in our creation, for thy kindness in our preservation, and for thy compassion in our redemption. We thank thee for the comforts of life, for the fulfillment of our innocent hopes and wishes, for the blessings of home and country, and for the privileges of a free sanctuary and a preached gospel.

God and guardian of our youth, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits? Thou didst give ear to our cry in infancy; thou didst hear our broken utterances, and thy eye beheld our tears. In our feebleness thou didst keep our tottering steps, and in the heedlessness of youth thy preventing grace restrained us. When asleep thou hast watched over us, when in danger thou hast shielded us, and in sickness thou hast snatched us from the grave, and this day we are the living to praise thee. Bless us, we beseech thee, in our studies and in all our undertakings, and at length bring us to thy heavenly kingdom. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

MERCY OF GOD.

First Wednesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 15. C. M.

Iddo.

MERCY alone can meet my case;
For mercy, Lord, I cry:
Jesus, Redeemer, show thy face
In mercy, or I die:—

I perish, and my doom were just;
But wilt thou leave me?—No:
I hold thee fast, my hope, my trust;
I will not let thee go.

Still sure to me thy promise stands,
And ever must abide:
Behold it written on thy hands,
And graven in thy side.

To this, this only will I cleave;
Thy word is all my plea;
That word is truth, and I believe:—
Have mercy, Lord, on me.

HYMN 16. C. M.

Unity.

LORD, at thy feet we sinners lie,
And knock at mercy's door;
With heavy heart and downcast eye,
Thy favor we implore.

Without thy grace we sink oppress'd,
Down to the gates of hell;
Oh give our troubled spirits rest,—
Our gloomy fears dispel.

'Tis mercy, mercy, now we plead;
Let thy compassion move;
Mercy, that led thee once to bleed,
In tenderness and love.

In mercy now, for Jesus' sake,
O God, our sins forgive;
Thy grace our stubborn hearts can break,
And, breaking, bid us live.

Teacher. Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Ps. cxviii. 1.

Scholars. The Lord is long-suffering and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression. Num. xiv. 18.

T. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Ps. xxxvi. 5.

S. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Ps. lxxxix. 14.

T. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. Ps. cxlv. 8, 9.

S. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlast-

ing upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Ps. ciii. 17, 18.

T. Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. Neh. ix. 17.

S. Our God, the great, the mighty and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy. Neh. ix. 31.

T. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth. Oh turn unto me, and have mercy upon me. Ps. lxxxvi. 15.

S. Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel ii. 13.

T. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him. Dan. ix. 9.

S. Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. Jer. iii. 12.

T. The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 2 Chron. xxx. 9.

S. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Ps. ciii. 4.

T. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever. Ps. ciii. 8, 9.

S. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Ps. ciii. 10, 11.

T. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. Ps. ciii. 13, 14.

S. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. Ps. xxv. 6, 7.

PRAYER.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, while we reverence and magnify thy great and glorious name as the God of creation and of providence, we would adore thee as the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.

We bless thee, we give thanks unto thee, O Lord, that thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; for as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is thy mercy toward them that fear thee.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him, for he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. Remember, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor the transgressions of our riper years, but pardon all our past offences; take us into covenant with thee, our Father, adopt us into the family of thy children, and lead us into the way everlasting.

God of all grace and Father of all our mercies, who redeemeth our life from destruction and crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies, we thank thee that thou hast prolonged the period of our probation by adding another day to our lives. Accept, merciful Father, what we have done this day that is right; pardon, in thine infinite mercy, wherein we may have erred or done wrong; and at last bring us to thy everlasting kingdom, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S INCARNATION.

First Thursday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 17. S. M.

Henshaw.

FATHER, our hearts we lift
  Up to thy gracious throne,
And thank thee for the precious gift
  Of thine incarnate Son.

His infant cries proclaim
  A peace 'twixt earth and heaven;
Salvation, through his only Name,
  To all mankind is given.

The gift unspeakable
  We thankfully receive,
And to the world thy goodness tell,
  And to thy glory live.

May all mankind receive
  The new-born Prince of peace,
And meekly in his spirit live,
  And in his love increase.

HYMN 18. C. M.

Zerah.

TO us a child of hope is born,
  To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
  Him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of peace,
  For evermore adored—
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
  The great and mighty Lord.

His power, increasing, still shall spread;
  His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
  And peace abound below.

To us a child of hope is born;
  To us a Son is given—
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
  The mighty Lord of heaven.

The Seed of the Woman.

Teacher. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Gen. iii. 15.

Scholars. When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. iv. 4, 5.

Born of a Virgin.

T. Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. vii. 14.

S. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. And behold thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest. Luke i. 30, 31, 32, 35.

His Name Appointed of God.

T. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Isa. lxii. 2.

S. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. i. 20, 21.

Christ the Son of God.

T. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ps. ii. 7.

S. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luke iii. 22.

His Divinity and Humanity.

T. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isa. ix. 7.

S. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John i. 1, 2, 14.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY Father and God, Maker of heaven and earth, we adore thee for thy infinite goodness, that, after thou hadst formed the world, thou didst create man in thine own image and after thine own likeness. We adore thee for thy compassion that when, by yielding to the tempter, he had sinned, and by transgression entailed a curse on his prosperity, thou didst not despise nor abandon the work of thy hands, but didst provide for his redemption from death and hell by laying help upon One that was mighty to save and strong to deliver.

We bless thee for thy infinite condescension that thou didst not leave man in the gloom of despair, but didst irradiate the darkness of his estate by the light of hope in the promise made to the mother of our race, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head.

We thank thee, O Lord, for that love which, from age to age, amidst surrounding gloom, did renew, through thy holy prophets and through types and ceremonial institutions, the pledge of the world's redemption to inspire man in his pilgrimage upon earth with the hopes of immortality in heaven.

Son of God, Redeemer of the world, we bless thy adorable name, that, although equal with the Father, thou didst consent to humble thyself to the form of a servant, and didst take upon thee our nature and become incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, that thou mightest magnify the law, and redeem us to God by thy own precious blood, as of a lamb without spot or blemish. Descend into our hearts, we beseech thee, and fill them with thy grace and with all spiritual gifts, that we may be wholly thine, and glorify thee in our spirits and our bodies, which are thine. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S BIRTH.

First Thursday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 19. P. M.

Devon.

BRIGHT and joyful is the morn,
For to us a child is born;
From the highest realms of heaven,
Unto us a Son is given.

On his shoulder he shall bear
Power and majesty, and wear,
On his vesture and his thigh,
Names most awful, names most high.

Wonderful in counsel he,
Christ, th' incarnate Deity;
Sire of ages, ne'er to cease;
King of kings, and Prince of peace.

Come and worship at his feet;
Yield to him the homage meet;
From the manger to the throne,
Homage due to God alone.

HYMN 20. S. M.

Henshaw.

REJOICE in Jesus' birth,—
To us a Son is given;
To us a Child is born on earth,
Who made both earth and heaven.

He reigns above the sky—
This universe sustains;
The God supreme, the Lord most high,
The King Messiah reigns.

The mighty God is he,
Author of heavenly bliss;
The Father of eternity,
The glorious Prince of peace.

His government shall grow,
From strength to strength proceed:
His righteousness the Church o'erflow,
And all the earth o'erspread.

Circumstances of his Birth.

Teacher. I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel. Num. xxiv. 17.

Scholars. Behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him. Matt. ii. 1, 2.

Time of his Birth.

T. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Gen. xlix. 10.

S. Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him. Matt. ii. 1, 2.

Place of his Birth.

T. But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Mic. v. 2.

S. As the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Luke ii. 15, 16, 17.

Offerings to Christ.

T. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Ps. lxxii. 9, 10.

S. And when they were come into the house they saw the young child, with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matt. ii. 11.

Flight into Egypt.

T. When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my Son out of Egypt. Hosea xi. 1.

S. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my Son. Matt. ii. 14, 15.

PRAYER.

Our heavenly Father, God of infinite benevolence and mercy, we bless and magnify thy name that, in the fullness of time, thine only-begotten Son came into the world for the renewal of thy lost image—that the Redeemer desired of patriarchs, foretold of prophets and angels, and foreshadowed by types and ceremonies, was at length disclosed in the person of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Most blessed Jesus, Son of the living God, we adore thee, we bless and give thanks unto thee, that thou didst stoop from thy glory and assume the form of a servant, to repair the ruin of our fallen nature by the glory of thine ineffable person. Blessed art thou that cometh in the name of the Lord! Our hearts bid thee welcome; enter and fill them with thine ineffable presence, and ever remain our loved and loving Guest.

Incarnate God and Saviour, who taketh away the sins of the world, we look to thee. Mercifully regard us and pardon our sins; give us grace to follow thee who art the way, the truth and the life; teach us to be humble and innocent and meek like thee, full of all love and kindness and compassion, resigned to thy holy will and conformed to thy divine image, that, as we have borne the image of the earthly Adam, we may also bear the image of the heavenly. And at last bring us to the enjoyment of thyself in heaven, through the merits of Him in whose words we would address thee.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S LINEAGE.

First Friday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 21. P. M.

Greenland.

HAIL, to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!

The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

He comes to break oppression,—
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong.

HYMN 22. P. M.

Greenland.

CHRIST shall descend like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love and joy, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:

Before him, on the mountains,
Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing,
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing—
A kingdom without end:

To give them songs for sighing—
Their darkness turn to light—
Whose souls, condemn'd and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

His Descent from Abraham.

Teacher. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Gen. xiii. 1, 3.

Scholars. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ. Gal. iii. 14.

His Descent from Isaac.

T. I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Gen. xxvi. 3, 4.

S. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Gal. iii. 16.

From Jesse.

T. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isa. xi. 1, 2.

S. And again Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust. Rom. xv. 12.

Of the Tribe of Judah.

T. Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. Ps. lxxviii. 67, 68.

S. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning the priesthood. Heb. vii. 14.

Christ the Son of David.

T. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. Isa. ix. 7.

S. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke i. 32, 33.

Christ the Son of God.

T. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ps. ii. 7.

S. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luke iii. 21, 22.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we adore thine excellent name, that thou didst not leave a lost and ruined world without witness, but by the ministry of angels and the predictions of holy prophets, didst comfort thine ancient people with the assurances of a coming Messiah in whom all the nations of the earth should be blessed.

We thank thee, O Lord, that for the confirmation of the faith of mankind—as well those of the earlier dispensations as of us on whom the ends of the world have come—thou didst signify beforehand the time and circumstances of the appearing of the world's Redeemer, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah, a Branch of the root of Jesse, the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, who should be called the Son of the Highest, to whom the Lord God should give the throne of his father David, of the increase and peace of whose government there should be no end.

Incarnate God and Saviour, we adore thee in the wondrous mystery of thine humiliation, in which thou who wast in the form of God, didst stoop to assume the form of a servant, and wert found in the fashion of a man, to repair the ruins of sin by the glories of thy divine Person. In thine infinite benevolence have compassion upon us, grant us ever the influences of the Holy Spirit, that we may be raised from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, and at last may be crowned with immortality in heaven.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY.

First Friday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 23. C. M.

Albert.

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour, promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes, the pris'ner to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyes oppress'd with night
To pour celestial day.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The wounded soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
T' enrich the humble poor.

HYMN 24. C. M.

Howard.

LET every mortal ear attend,
And every heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

Ho! all ye hungry, starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind—

Eternal Wisdom hath prepared
A soul-reviving feast,
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

Christ's Forerunner.

Teacher. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. iii. 1.

Scholars. And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as saith the prophet Esaias. John i. 19, 23.

The Spirit and the Voice at Baptism.

T. Behold my servant, whom I uphold: mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Isa. xlii. 1.

S. And lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. iii. 16, 17.

Christ's Preaching.

T. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isa. lxi. 1.

S. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. Luke iv. 17, 18, 21.

His Superior Wisdom.

T. Therefore behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Isa. xxix. 14.

S. The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. John vii. 46. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Matt. vii. 28, 29.

PRAYER.

GLORIOUS Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons and one God, we would approach thy throne and offer unto thee our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the goodness and mercy that have crowned another day. We would ask thy gracious protection through the night. Give us the refreshment of peaceful sleep, and on the morning of another day may we awake invigorated for our daily duties, and minds resolved to do thy will and glorify thee in our souls and our bodies, which are thine.

Bless to us the portion of thy divine word which we have read. May our faith be confirmed and our hearts animated as we read the promise and the prediction of the great Teacher, who was to come into the world to enlighten the darkened minds of the children of men. We thank thee that, ages before his advent, by the sure word of prophecy, thou didst set forth his glorious character, and the nature of his ministry and miracles, all of which was confirmed in the temper and affections he exhibited, in the doctrines he taught and the deeds of wonder by which he asserted his infinite power and Godhead.

Blessed Jesus, Son of the Father, who art the ineffable light of a world darkened by sin and transgression, shine into our hearts to give us the light of the glory of God the Father. May we ever listen to thy divine counsels and hide them in our hearts. Make us pure and holy, meek and lowly, and in all things thy loving and obedient disciples. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S MIRACLES.

First Saturday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 25. C. M.

Brattle Street.

OH for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

He breaks the power of cancel'd sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avail'd for me.

He speaks—and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

HYMN 26. C. M.

Gillet.

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes, from the thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray;
And on the eyes oppressed with night
To pour celestial day.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The wounded soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
T' enrich the humble poor.

Christ's Poverty and Neglect.

T. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. Isa. liii. 2.

S. Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James and Joses and Simon and Judas? And they were offended in him. Matt. xiii. 56, 57.

His Miracles.

Teacher. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. xxxv. 5, 6.

Scholars. Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,

and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Matt. xi. 4, 5.

His Rejection by the Jews.

T. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isa. viii. 14.

S. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: that the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed. John xii. 37, 38.

His Humiliation.

T. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isa. liii. 3.

S. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Matt. viii. 19, 20.

Call of the Gentiles.

T. Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isa. lx. 1, 2, 3.

S. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea-coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up. Matt. iv. 13, 14, 15, 16.

PRAYER.

Our heavenly Father, Guardian of our lives and Author of all our mercies, thy providence has been over us during the past night. Thou hast preserved our lives and health; thou hast refreshed our bodies with needful rest, and we would appear in thy presence, and encompassing the altar of prayer, offer our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for thy continued goodness and mercy toward us. As we are entering upon a new day, we would place ourselves under thy guardianship, and would invoke thy blessing upon us. Guide us, we beseech thee, our heavenly Father, in the path of rectitude this day, and grant that we may love and serve thee with filial obedience, until we come to thy eternal kingdom.

Our Saviour and God, we bless thee that we have just been permitted to read of the miracles of benevolence and mercy, by which in the days of thy flesh thou didst assert thy infinite power and Godhead. Thou who didst open the eyes of the blind, open the eyes of our understanding to see wondrous things in thy law. Thou who didst unstop the ears of the deaf, open our ears to the gospel, and grant that we may be not only hearers, but doers of thy Word. Thou who didst cleanse the leper, and raise the dead, purify our affections, and raise us from the death of sin to a life of holiness, and at length bring us to an immortality of blessedness with thee in heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST CHRIST.

First Saturday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 27. S. M.

Dover.

THE things so long foretold,
By David are fulfilled,
When Jews and Gentiles rose to slay
Jesus, the holy child.

Why did the Gentiles rage,
And Jews, with one accord,
Bend all their counsels to destroy
The Anointed of the Lord?

Rulers and kings agree
To form a vain design;
Against the Lord their powers unite,
Against his Christ to join.

The Lord derides their rage,
And will support his throne;
And he will raise him from the dead,
And own him for his Son.

HYMN 28. S. M.

Bedford.

WHY did the nations join to slay
The Lord's anointed Son?
Why did they cast his laws away
And tread his gospel down?

The Lord, who sits above the skies,
Derides their rage below;
He speaks with vengeance in his eyes,
And strikes their spirits through.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,
Obey the anointed Lord;
Adore the King of heavenly birth,
And tremble at his word.

With humble love address his throne;
For if he frown, ye die;
Those are secure, and those alone,
Who on his grace rely.

Christ the Good Shepherd.

Teacher. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Isa. xi. 11.

Scholars. He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John x. 2, 3, 11.

His Entry into Jerusalem.

T. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter

of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zech. ix. 9.

S. On the next day, much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. John xii. 12–15.

Hatred of Christ.

T. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty. Ps. lxix. 4.

S. Now have they both seen, and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. John xv. 24, 25.

Conspiracy of the Priests and Rulers.

T. Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? Rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed. Ps. ii. 1, 2.

S. Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people unto the place of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas; and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. Matt. xxvi. 3, 4.

Herod and Pontius Pilate.

T. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their hands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. Ps. ii. 2.

S. Of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles. and the people of Israel, were gathered together. Acts iv. 27.

PRAYER.

FATHER, Son and Holy Spirit, three Persons and one God, at the close of a week which thou hast crowned with loving-kindness and tender mercy, as we assemble around the altar of prayer, give us the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that our coming before thee may be as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Wherein we have endeavored in our actions to have an idea single to thy glory during the week that is now drawing to a close, be graciously pleased to accept our service; and wherein we have erred or have transgressed thy holy laws, look with compassion upon us, we beseech thee, and graciously pardon all our sins, and enable us for the future to live conformably to thy will.

Holy Saviour, impress our hearts with the portions of Scripture which we have just read, and grant that, receiving thee in thy divine mission to the world, may we exclaim, Hosanna! blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! We rejoice to acknowledge thee as the King of Zion. In the divine nature and in thy mediatorial glory, thou art exalted not only above earthly princes, but above the principalities and powers in heavenly places. Thy name is above every name; for at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Come, thou Prince of Peace, and reign over us thy willing subjects. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S ARREST.

Second Sunday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 29. L. M.
Windham.

'TIS midnight—and on Olive's brow,
The star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight—in the garden now
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

'Tis midnight—and from all removed,
Immanuel wrestles lone with fears;
E'en the disciple that he loved [tears.
Heeds not his Master's grief and

'Tis midnight—and for others' guilt
The man of sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet he that hath in anguish knelt
Is not forsaken by his God.

'Tis midnight—and from ether plains
Is borne the song that angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

HYMN 30. C. M.
Devizes.

JESUS, with all thy saints above
My tongue would bear her part;
Would sound aloud thy saving love,
And sing thy bleeding heart.

Bless'd be the Lamb, my dearest Lord,
Who bought me with his blood;
And quench'd his Father's flaming [sword
In his own vital flood.

The Lamb that freed my captive soul
From Satan's heavy chains;
And sent the lion down to howl
Where hell and horror reigns.

All glory to the dying Lamb,
And never-ceasing praise!
While angels live to know his name,
Or saints to feel his grace.

His Heaviness in the Garden.

Teacher. I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. Ps. lxix. 20.

Scholars. And he took with him Peter, and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Matt. xxvi. 37.

His Agony in the Garden.

T. My soul is full of trouble, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. Isa. lviii. 3.

S. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. Matt. xxvi. 38.

His Resignation.

T. Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God. Ps. xl. 6–8.

S. He fell on his face and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matt. xxvi. 39.

Betrayal by a Disciple.

T. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. Ps. xli. 9.

S. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen; but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me, hath lifted up his heel against me. John xiii. 18.

Price of Betrayal.

T. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. Zech. xi. 12.

S. Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. Matt. xxvi. 14, 15.

A Disciple Knowing his Retreat.

T. For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then would I have hid myself from him: but it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide and mine acquaintance. Ps. lv. 12, 13.

S. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. John xviii. 2.

Betrayed with Words of Affection and a Kiss.

T. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. Ps. lv. 20, 21.

S. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail Master; and kissed him. Matt. xxvi. 49.

PRAYER.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we would encompass the altar of prayer, in our great Redeemer's name, on the first day of the week—that hallowed day on which the Saviour rose triumphant from the grave, despoiling the powers of darkness, and bringing light and immortality to light. Prepare our hearts to receive the truth this day, and grant that the ministry of the Word may be abundantly blessed to each one of them, and that we may make a Sabbath day's journey toward our heavenly inheritance.

Most merciful God and Father, impress upon our hearts the portions of Scripture which we have just read. We adore and magnify thy great and excellent name, that thou didst raise up among thy ancient people prophets in whom the spirit of grace and wisdom was manifested, when they testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. We bless thee that not only unto thy Israel of old, but unto us also did they minister, by their prophecies, the things that are now reported unto us by the preaching of the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

Like the blessed Saviour, may we be resigned to the divine will, and bear with patient endurance the sorrows of life. Oh forbid that for riches or honors or the vain pleasures of this world we should ever betray our Lord and Master, but may we adhere to him through evil and through good report, and at last be deemed worthy to receive the crown of glory which Christ the righteous Judge shall give us in that day. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S TRIAL.

Second Sunday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 31. C. M.

THE eyes that slept on Olive's brow
Are opened but to weep;
For smitten is the Shepherd now,
And scattered are the sheep.

Before his creature as his Judge
The great Creator stands,
Blindfolded his omniscient eyes,
Bound his almighty hands.

Meekly the charges false he hears
Of witnesses untrue;
And Roman soldier's buffet bears,
And scoffing of the Jew.

For thee, my soul, the scorn he bore,
For thee endured the shame,
And died to save thee evermore:
Oh bless his holy name!

HYMN 32. P. M.

WAKE against my Shepherd, sword,
'Gainst my fellow, saith the Lord;
Smite the Shepherd, smite for me,
And the sheep shall scattered be.

See the Saviour where he stands,
Veiled his eyes and bound his hands—
Eyes that all things do behold;
Hands that framed the heavens of old.

Meek before his creature's bar,
Buffeted by men of war,
Scoffed at by the scornful Jew,—
Come, the great Creator view!

'Twas for thee he bore the scorn,
'Twas for thee his flesh was torn;
O my soul, thy Saviour see,
Live for him that died for thee.

Forsaken of his Disciples.

Teacher. Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts. Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. Zech. xiii. 7.

Scholars. But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. And they that laid hold on Jesus, led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Matt. xxvi. 56, 57.

His Teaching not in Secret.

T. For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. Isa. xlv. 18, 19.

S. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. John xviii. 19, 20.

Smitten at the High Priest's.

T. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair. Isa. l. 6.

S. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by, struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? John xviii. 22.

Christ's Appeal.

T. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. Mic. vi. 3.

S. Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? John xviii. 23.

False Witnesses.

T. False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. Ps. xxxv. 11.

S. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. Mark xiv. 56.

The Buffeting and Spitting.

T. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Isa. l. 6.

S. Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palm of the hand, saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, who is he that smote thee? Matt. xxvi. 67, 68.

PRAYER.

O Lord our God, we would approach a throne of grace, not because we are worthy, but because thou art merciful. We come, not in our own name, but in the name of the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, to offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and privileges which we have this day enjoyed. Give to them thy blessing, and grant, we beseech thee, that they may minister not to our condemnation, but to our salvation in time and in eternity. Mercifully watch over us this night, and preserve us from all evil, and enable us to spend the week upon which we have entered to thy honor and glory.

We bless and give thanks unto thee, our Father and God, that in the sure word of prophecy which we have read, we have seen distinctly announced, ages before their occurrence, all the leading circumstances that preceded the great sacrifice of the Son of God for the sins of a ruined world—his rejection by the Jews, his sorrows in the garden, his betrayal by a kiss, his abandonment by his disciples, his contumely at the high priest's, in the judgment-hall of Pilate, the buffeting and scourging, and the bearing of his cross up the steeps of Calvary. Holy Spirit of Grace, seal these things to the confirmation of our faith.

Blessed Jesus, thou suffering Son of God, whose heart was full of compassion and mercy to the children of men, may the remembrance of all that thou hast done and suffered melt our hearts to tenderness and fill them with gratitude to thee for thy inestimable love. Help us to evince our gratitude to thee by obeying thy laws and walking in thy ways. Give us grace to imitate thy blessed example in all things—thy active benevolence, thy meekness under provocation, thy forgiveness of injuries, thy patience in affliction and thy perfect resignation to thy Father's will—that, living and suffering with thee upon earth, we may reign with thee in heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S CONDEMNATION.

Second Monday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 33. C. M.

Lisbon.

BEHOLD, where, in a mortal form,
Appears each grace divine!
The virtues, all in Jesus met,
With mildest radiance shine.

'Mid keen reproach, and cruel scorn,
Patient and meek he stood:
His foes, ungrateful, sought his life;
He labored for their good.

In the last hour of deep distress,
Before his Father's throne,
With soul resigned, he bowed and said,
"Thy will, not mine, be done!"

Be Christ our pattern and our guide;
His image may we bear:
Oh, may we tread his holy steps,
His joy and glory share!

HYMN 34. C. M.

Unity.

OH for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free—
A heart that always feels thy blood,
So freely spilt for me—

A heart resign'd, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

Oh for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within—

A heart in every thought renew'd,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right, and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

His Meekness.

Teacher. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. Isa. liii. 7.

Scholars. And when they had bound him, they led him away to Pontius Pilate the governor. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. Matt. xxvii. 2, 12, 13, 14.

Guiltless of Offence.

T. They that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless are mighty. Ps. lxix. 4.

S. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. John xix. 4.

The Scourging.

T. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. liii. 5.

S. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! John xix. 1, 2, 3.

Christ smitten with a Rod.

T. Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the Judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. Mic. v. 1.

S. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. Matt. xxvii. 28, 29, 30.

Led from Judgment to Crucifixion.

T. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living. Isa. liii. 8.

S. And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Pretorium; and they called together the whole band. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and led him out to crucify him. Mark xvi. 16, 20.

Christ Bearing his Cross.

T. Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. Isa. lii. 4.

S. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha. John xix. 17.

PRAYER.

FATHER of our spirits and God of all grace, we, the living monuments of thy mercy, would draw nigh unto thee to return our grateful acknowledgments for thy fatherly protection for the past night. During its hours the eyes of many have been closed in death, but thou hast graciously permitted us to behold the light of another day. Open the eyes of our understanding, that we may see wonderful things in thy law. Open the eyes of our souls, that they may receive the beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Assist us in the duties and preserve us from the temptations of the day, and conform us in all things to thy will.

God of infinite compassion, we thank thee for the portion of the word which we have just read, and adore thee that, in thine infinite compassion, thou didst devise a plan for the restoration of the world from the curse of a broken covenant. We bless thee for thy matchless benevolence toward our guilty race, that thou didst not permit man, when fallen, to remain in the darkness of despair, but didst comfort him by the immediate promise of a Saviour to come, and in the institution of sacrifice at the gates of Eden, by the shedding of blood didst typify the great sacrifice of the Son of God for the sins of the whole world. Enable us to receive him as our Saviour, and to love and serve him upon earth that we may reign with him in heaven.

All glory and honor be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Judge of quick and dead, who wast condemned and declared worthy of death, that thou mightest, by thy unjust condemnation, absolve us from that of which we are justly guilty. Grant us grace to avoid all unjust suspicions or evil reports of others, and to bear patiently, and without bitterness, false judgments against ourselves. Keep us ever in the way of holiness, that we may not be condemned at thy tribunal in the great judgment-day. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION.

Second Monday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 35. L. M.

Valentia.

EXTENDED on a cursed tree,
Cover'd with dust and sweat and [blood,
See there, the King of glory see!
Sinks and expires the Son of God.

Who, who, my Saviour, this hath done?
Who could thy sacred body wound?
No guilt thy spotless heart hath known,
No guile hath in thy lips been found.

I, I alone have done the deed;
'Tis I thy sacred flesh have torn;
My sins have caused thee, Lord, to bleed,
Pointed the nail, and fixed the thorn.

My Saviour, how shall I proclaim,
How pay the mighty debt I owe?
Let all I have, and all I am,
Ceaseless, to all thy glory show.

HYMN 36. C. M.

Bolton.

MY God, my God, why leav'st thou [me,
When I with anguish faint?
Oh, why so far from me removed,
And from my loud complaint?

Lo! I am treated like a worm,
Like none of human birth;
Not only by the great reviled,
But made the rabble's mirth.

With laughter all the gazing crowd
My agonies survey;
They shoot the lip, they shake the [head,
And thus deriding say:

"In God he trusted, boasting oft
That he was Heaven's delight;
Let God come down to save him [now,
And own his favorite."

His Crucifixion.

Teacher. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. Ps. xxii. 16.

Scholars. And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him. Luke xxiii. 33.

Crucified of the Jews.

T. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thy hands? Zech. xiii. 6.

S. Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Zech. xiii. 6.

The Two Thieves.

T. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he hath poured out his soul unto death, and he was numbered with the transgressors. Isa. liii. 12.

S. And with him they crucified two thieves, the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. Mark xv. 27.

Prays for his Enemies.

T. He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the trangressors. Isa. liii. 12.

S. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. John xix. 34.

The Scoffing and Shaking of Heads.

T. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head. Ps. xxii. 7.

S. And they that passed by, reviled him, wagging their heads. Matt. xxvii. 39.

His Trust in God Ridiculed.

T. They shake the head, saying, He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. Ps. xxii. 7, 8.

S. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. Matt. xxvii. 41, 42, 43.

The Railing of the Thieves.

T. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me. Ps. xxxv. 15.

S. The thieves also which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Matt. xxvii. 44.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, our Creator, Preserver and bountiful Benefactor, we would thank thee for all the manifestations of thy loving-kindness to our lost and ruined world, but especially for the inestimable gift of thy Son and Saviour. We adore thee for thy infinite condescension, that when man had sinned thou didst comfort him with the promise of a restoration to thy favor, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, and didst institute sacrifice as a type of the offering of the Lamb of God for the sins of the world.

We thank thee, our Father and God, that, in the acceptance of each victim offered before the law of Moses, and of each sacrifice under the law, as well as by sacrificial types and shadows, and by the words which holy men of God were moved of the Holy Ghost to speak of a coming Saviour, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, thou didst renew the pledge of the world's redemption, and set forth the great atonement, which in due time was made for the sins of our fallen race, by the sufferings and death of the Son of God.

Holy and immaculate Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, we bless and give thanks unto thee for thy infinite love and condescension to guilty man. We adore the riches of thy mercy, that thou didst become an oblation for sin, and, as the sacrifice of the whole world upon the altar of the cross, didst bleed and die to reconcile us to an offended God. Son of the Father, by thy suffering life and dying love constrain our hearts to love and serve thee, and to live for thee upon earth that we may reign with thee in heaven. Thou hast been with us this day; watch over us during the night, and save us, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us fron evil; for thine, etc.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

Second Tuesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 37. L. M.

Dresden.

HE dies! the Friend of sinners dies!
Lo! Salem's daughters weep around;
A solemn darkness veils the skies,
A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

Come, saints, and drop a tear or two
For Himwho groan'd beneath your load;
He shed a thousand drops for you,—
A thousand drops of richer blood.

Here's love and grief beyond degree:
The Lord of glory dies for man!
But lo! what sudden joys we see:
Jesus, the dead, revives again.

The rising God forsakes the tomb
(In vain the tomb forbids his rise);
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies.

HYMN 38. P. M.

Alton.

FROM the cross uplifted high,
Where the Saviour deigns to die,
What melodious sounds we hear
Bursting on the ravish'd ear:
Love's redeeming work is done—
Come and welcome, sinner, come!

Sprinkled now with blood the throne,
Why beneath thy burdens groan?
On his pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee, embrace the Son—
Come and welcome, sinner, come!

Spread for thee, the festal board
See with richest bounty stored;
To thy Father's bosom press'd,
Thou shalt be a child confess'd,
Never from his house to roam:
Come and welcome, sinner, come!

The Sorrow of the Virgin.

Teacher. Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Luke ii. 35.

Scholars. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. John xix. 25.

His Friends Afar Off.

T. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. Ps. xxviii. 11.

S. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. Luke xxiii. 49.

The Noonday Darkness.

T. In that day, saith the Lord God, I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day. Amos viii. 6.

S. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. Luke xxiii. 44, 45.

Christ Forsaken of the Father.

T. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me? Ps. xxii. 1.

S. At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Mark xv. 34.

The Stupefying Mixture.

T. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Ps. lxix. 21.

S. And some of them that stood by said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. Matt. xv. 35, 36.

His Dying Cry.

T. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Dan. ix. 24.

S. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. John xix. 30.

His Death.

T. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death. Isa. liii. 12.

S. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Luke xxiii. 46.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Jehovah, we adore and bless thee for thy infinite benevolence, that when man by sin had rendered himself obnoxious to temporal death, thou didst not suffer him to fall into the pains of death eternal, but didst devise means for his recovery from guilt and for final restoration to thy favor, by providing a Saviour who, made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death was crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste death for every man.

We praise and give thanks unto thee, O Lord, that by the ministry of angels, and by the mouths of holy prophets, and by types and ceremonies under the law, thou didst comfort those of the earlier dispensations with the promise of a Messiah who should restore all things; and we bless thee, O Lord, that all that angels announced, all that the law prefigured, and that the prophets had foretold, was consummated, and the effects of Adam's sin annulled, when the dying Son of God upon the summit of Calvary cried, "It is finished!" and his rising body forsook the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

All praise and honor be unto thy name, most merciful Redeemer, for thy boundless love and infinite condescension. Melt our hearts into tenderness and contrition and love at the remembrance of all thy sufferings. By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, deliver us from all our spiritual enemies, and bring us to thy heavenly kingdom. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S BURIAL.

Second Tuesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 39. C. M.

Ephesus.

WHY do we mourn for dying friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms.

Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
There once the flesh of Jesus lay,
And left a long perfume.

The graves of all his saints he blest,
And soften'd every bed:
Where should the dying members rest
But with their dying Head?

Thence he arose, ascending high,
And show'd our feet the way:
Up to the Lord our flesh shall fly
At the great rising day.

HYMN 40. C. M.

Fountain.

MY grateful soul shall bless the Lord,
Whose precepts give me light;
And private counsel still afford
In sorrow's dismal night.

I strive each action to approve
To his all-seeing eye;
No danger shall my hopes remove,
Because he still is nigh.

Therefore my heart all grief defies,
My glory does rejoice;
My flesh shall rest, in hope to rise,
Waked by his powerful voice.

Thou, Lord, when I resign my breath,
My soul from hell shalt free;
Nor let thy Holy One in death
The least corruption see.

His Bones not Broken.

Teacher. He keepeth all his bones; not one of them is broken. Ps. xxxiv. 20.

Scholars. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs. These things were done that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. John xix. 32, 33, 36.

Piercing his Side.

T. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplica-

tions. And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. Zech. xii. 10.

S. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. John xix. 34.

His Side Pierced during the Darkness.

T. It shall be one day, which shall be known to the Lord, not day nor night; but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem. Zech. xiv. 7, 8.

S. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. John xix. 34.

Parting of his Garments.

T. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Ps. xxii. 18.

S. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. John xix. 23, 24.

His Burial.

T. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Isa. liii. 9.

S. And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor, and he was a good man, and a just. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. Luke xxiii. 50, 51, 53.

PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, thou hast graciously watched over us during another day, and at its close we would be found worshiping thee. Bless to our edification the passages of Scripture which we have just read, and give us to feel our obligations to thee for thy infinite love in the gift of the Saviour of the world.

Adored for ever be thy excellent name, O Jesus, Friend of sinners, for thy condescension in assuming our nature and suffering in our stead. Thou wast obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and for our sakes descended into the grave, that thou mightest fulfill all the conditions of our humanity and sanctify the resting place of the saints. As thou didst rise from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, raise our souls from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, that we may reign at last with thee in heaven.

We thank thee, O God, for the mercies of another day; for thy divine protection, for life, health, the exercise of reason and the necessaries and comforts which we have enjoyed, but, above all, for the gift of the Saviour and for the hopes of pardon and eternal life through his sufferings and death.

Fulfill in our experience this night that promise: The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade on thy right hand. He shall preserve thee from all evil; he will preserve thy soul. Teach us to consider sleep as an emblem of death, and in the prospect of our change may we flee to Jesus, the Conqueror of death. For his sake accept our evening sacrifice, and bring us at last to heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION.

Second Wednesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 41. L. M.

Dresden.

HERE'S love and grief beyond degree!
The Lord of glory dies for man!
But lo! what sudden joys we see:
Jesus, the dead, revives again.

The rising God forsakes the tomb
(In vain the tomb forbids his rise);
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies.

Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high your great Deliv'rer reigns;
Sing how he spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the monster Death in chains.

Say, Live for ever, wondrous King!
Born to redeem, and strong to save;
Then ask the monster, Where's thy sting?
And, Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave?

HYMN 42. L. M.

Brooklyn.

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives—
What joy the blessed assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with his love
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath,
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his Name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives!
I know that my Redeemer lives.

His Resurrection.

Teacher. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. Ps. xvi. 10.

Scholars. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption. Acts ii. 29, 30, 31.

Resurrection of the Saints.

T. Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body

shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Isa. xxvi. 19.

S. And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose; and came out of the grave after his resurrection. Matt. xxvii. 51, 52, 53.

The Hope of a Future Resurrection.

T. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Job xix. 25, 26.

S. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. John xi. 25, 26.

His Ascension.

T. Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men. Ps. lxviii. 18.

S. And he led them out as far as to Bethany: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. Luke xxiv. 50, 51.

Descent of the Holy Ghost.

T. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. Joel ii. 28, 29.

S. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts ii. 2, 3, 4.

PRAYER.

O Lord, our Creator and Preserver, we desire in the name of Jesus, our divine Mediator, to approach thy gracious presence, under a lively sense of thy goodness and mercy during the past night, and to implore thy blessing and guidance this day.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the talents thou hast given us. Thou hast given us reason and immortal natures. Thou hast given us the Word of life, a preached gospel, the ordinances of religion, as well as time and opportunity for moral and mental improvement. Holy Spirit, may we so occupy and improve these talents that when our Lord shall come to us at death, we may hear his welcome voice, Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord.

Heavenly Father, bless to our hearts the great truths which we have just read of the resurrection and ascension of the Son of God. Our adorable Saviour, who didst burst the bonds of death, and rise in unutterable majesty and ascend to the right hand of the Father, grant us by the power of thy resurrection to rise from all sins and death of the soul, and serve thee in newness of life, so that on the day of the general resurrection our flesh may rise to glory and we eternally rejoice with thee in soul and body. Amen!

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost—good Lord, deliver us. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GODHEAD AND HUMANITY OF CHRIST.

Second Wednesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 43. L. M.

Cleaveland.

TO us a child of royal birth,
End of the promises, is given;
The Invisible appears on earth—
The Son of man, the God of heaven.

A Saviour born, in love supreme,
He comes, our fallen souls to raise;
He comes, his people to redeem,
With all his plenitude of grace.

The Christ, by raptured seers foretold,
Fill'd with the Holy Spirit's power,
Prophet and Priest and King behold,
And Lord of all the world adore.

The Lord of hosts, the God most high,
Who quits his throne, on earth to live,
With joy we welcome from the sky,
With faith into our hearts receive.

HYMN 44. P. M.

Snowfield.

HARK! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful all ye nations rise—
Join the triumphs of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Christ, by highest heaven adored—
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, incarnate Deity!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.

Teacher. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. Heb. i. 1, 2.

Scholars. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Heb. i. 3.

T. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John i. 1.

S. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John i. 14.

T. He received from God the Father, honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 2 Pet. i. 17.

S. Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. ix. 6.

T. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. John i. 3.

S. And thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands. Heb. i. 10.

T. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. ii. 10, 11.

S. Jesus answered them, my Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. John v. 17, 18.

T. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. Phil. ii. 5, 6.

S. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. Phil. ii. 7.

T. He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. viii. 9.

S. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Heb. ii. 16.

T. For in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. ii. 18.

PRAYER.

Most merciful and gracious Lord, our God and Father in Christ, we adore thee for thy benevolence in creating us, and thy matchless condescension in creating us in thine own image; and when sin had defaced the likeness which thine own hands had impressed, we magnify and bless thy name that thou didst give thine only-begotten and well-beloved Son for the redemption of man and the restoration of thy lost image. God of benevolence, as thou didst not spare thy only Son, but delivered him up for us all, we approach thee in humble confidence, that with him thou wilt also freely give us all things. We beseech thee pardon our sins and make us ever thy faithful servants.

Blessed Jesus, we adore and magnify thy name for thy infinite benevolence and condescension. Our Creator, Lord and Protector, thou didst humble thyself to become our Redeemer, Companion and Brother. The Son of God, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, thou didst become the son of man, that we might be made the sons of God, and wast born after the flesh, that we might be born after the Spirit. The Lord of all things, thou didst become poor that we through thy poverty might be made rich; and in thy birth and in thy death didst vouchsafe to be made a partaker of our humanity and mortality, that we, through thy glorious resurrection and ascension, might be partakers of thy divinity and eternity.

Blessed Jesus, we acknowledge thee our Immanuel. As God, thou art our Redeemer—thou didst offer unto the Father a perfect sacrifice for sin; as man, thou hast exhibited unto all believers a perfect example of holiness and obedience. Transform us, adorable Saviour, into thy divine image, conform us to thy blessed example, and bring us all to thine everlasting kingdom in heaven.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

CHRIST AS REDEEMER.

Second Thursday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 45. C. M.

Franklin.

PLUNGED in a gulf of dark despair,
We wretched sinners lay,
Without one cheering beam of hope,
Or spark of glimm'ring day.

With pitying eyes the Prince of peace
Beheld our helpless grief;
He saw, and (O amazing love!)
He flew to our relief.

Down from the shining seats above,
With joyful haste he fled;
Enter'd the grave in mortal flesh,
And dwelt among the dead.

Oh for this love let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break;
And all harmonious human tongues
The Saviour's praises speak.

HYMN 46. S. M.

Hoffman.

OUR sins on Christ were laid;
He bore the mighty load;
Our ransom-price he fully paid
In groans and tears and blood.

To save a world he dies;
Sinners, behold the Lamb!
To him lift up your longing eyes;
Seek mercy in his name.

Pardon and peace abound;
He will your sins forgive;
Salvation in his name is found—
He bids the sinner live.

Jesus, we look to thee:
Where else can sinners go?
Thy boundless love shall set us free
From wretchedness and woe.

Teacher. The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. Isa. lix. 20.

Scholars. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. i. 15.

T. When we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. Rom. v. 10.

S. Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world. Gal. i. 4.

T. It pleased the Father, that in him should all fullness dwell, and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things to himself. Col. i. 19.

S. When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. iv. 4.

T. He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Tit. ii. 14.

S. We are justified freely, by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ. Rom. iii. 24.

T. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption. 1 Cor. i. 30.

S. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes are we healed. Isa. liii. 6.

T. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.

S. By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. ix. 12.

T. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ: that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal. ii. 13, 14.

S. Thou art worthy: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue, and people and nation. Rev. v. 9.

T. Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. i. 3.

S. Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and of our Father: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Gal. i. 4, 5.

PRAYER.

God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons and one God—thou art the God of our redemption. We adore the wisdom which devised the plan of our salvation, the love which accomplished its execution and the grace which applies its benefits. Aliens from God, slaves to sin and under the curse of a broken law—thousands of silver and gold could not ransom us, nor the cattle upon a thousand hills atone for our guilt; yet, glory be to the name of God, thou didst pity our race in its lost estate, and say, "Deliver from going to the pit, for I have found a ransom;" and didst send thy Son who bore our sins in his own body upon the tree, and having put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, hath obtained eternal redemption for us. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace, wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

Blessed Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners! Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, purify our hearts from the defilement of sin; sprinkle us with hyssop and we shall be clean; wash thou us and we shall be whiter than snow. Impart thyself to us in all thy sacred influences and blessings, and be to us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and complete redemption. May we ever be of the number of thy faithful followers upon earth, and when our pilgrimage is ended, may we join that innumerable company which no man can number and unite in the song, "Worthy is the Lamb, for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, and hast made us unto our God, kings and priests." Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass, etc.

CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

Second Thursday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 47. S. M.

Thatcher.

JESUS, thou Source divine,
Whence hope and comfort flow,—
Jesus, no other name than thine
Can save from endless woe.

None else will heaven approve:
Thou art the only way,
Ordain'd by everlasting love,
To realms of endless day.

Here let our feet abide,
Nor from thy path depart:
Direct our steps, thou gracious Guide!
And cheer the fainting heart.

Safe through this world of night,
Lead to the blissful plains—
The regions of unclouded light,
Where joy for ever reigns.

HYMN 48. L. M.

Clinton.

JESUS, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of thee?
Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless [days.

Ashamed of Jesus!—that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of heaven depend:
No!—when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere his name.

Ashamed of Jesus!—yes I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away;
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Saviour slain;
And, oh may this my glory be—
That Christ is not ashamed of me.

Teacher. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John iv. 14.

Scholars. For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost. Luke xviii. 11.

T. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. i. 15.

S. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light. 2 Tim. i. 10.

T. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. vii. 25.

S. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom. v. 10.

T. Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke ii. 10, 11.

S. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. Acts v. 31.

T. Of this man's seed hath God, according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus. Acts xiii. 23.

S. Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. i. 21.

T. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth. Isa. xxv. 8.

S. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, This is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isa. xxv. 9.

T. The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. Luke ix. 56.

S. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. John xii. 47.

T. We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. Acts xv. 11.

S. Our conversation is in heaven, from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. iii. 20.

T. Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. Tit. i. 4.

S. To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen! Jude 25.

PRAYER.

Our Father and God, we adore thee for thy benevolence in our creation, and for thy matchless mercy in our redemption. We bless thee that thou didst send thy Son to be the propitiation for the sins of a lost and ruined world. We praise and give thanks unto thee, that after his humiliation and death, thou hast highly exalted him to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel and remission of sins, and hast given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Blessed Jesus, our once suffering but now risen and exalted Saviour, we adore thee in thy divine perfections, prerogatives and glory; we praise and give thanks unto thee for all that thou hast done and suffered to purchase our salvation. In the language of just men made perfect in heaven, we would sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." We come to thee, compassionate Saviour, as our Paschal Lamb, and laying the hand of faith upon thy blessed head, confess our iniquity, and entreat forgiveness through thy most precious blood. Like the leper, we come kneeling, and say, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make us clean." Lord Jesus, make us clean; sprinkle us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash thou us and we shall be whiter than snow. As thou wast crucified for us, may we be crucified unto the world, and the world unto us; as thou hast died for sin, may we die daily unto sin, and live unto righteousness, and be changed into thy divine image, from glory to glory, as by the spirit of the Lord.

We thank thee for the blessings of this day; preserve us during the night, and save us for Christ's sake. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, etc.

CHRIST AS MEDIATOR.

Second Friday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 49. C. M.

Irish.

WITH joy we meditate the grace
Of our High Priest above;
His heart is made of tenderness,
His bowels melt with love.

Touch'd with a sympathy within,
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
For he hath felt the same.

He, in the days of feeble flesh,
Pour'd out strong cries and tears,
And in his measure feels afresh
What every member bears.

He'll never quench the smoking flax,
But raise it to a flame;
The bruised reed he never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest name.

HYMN 50. S. M.

Lane.

LORD, how shall sinners dare
Look up to thine abode?
Or offer their imperfect prayer
Before a holy God?

Bright terrors guard thy seat,
And glories veil thy face;
Yet mercy calls us to thy feet,
And to thy throne of grace.

My soul, with cheerful eye
See where thy Saviour stands—
The glorious Advocate on high,
With incense in his hands.

Teach my weak heart, O Lord,
With faith to call thee mine;
Bid me pronounce the blissful word—
Father—with joy divine.

Teacher. There is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. ii. 5.

Scholars. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus ii. 14.

T. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John ii. 1.

S. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John ii. 2.

T. He entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. ix. 24.

S. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest,

seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law. Heb. viii. 4.

T. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Heb. viii. 6.

S. That he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Heb. ii. 17.

T. But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building. Heb. ix. 11.

S. Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. ix. 12.

T. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh. Heb. ix. 13.

S. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. ix. 14.

T. And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Heb. ix. 15.

S. Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. vii. 25.

T. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens. Heb. vii. 26.

S. Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. Heb. vii. 27.

T. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Heb. iv. 14.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah! conscious of our unworthiness and our sinfulness, we would approach thy throne in humble reliance upon the atonement and intercession of Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, for the acceptance of our persons and the answer of our prayers. We adore thy name, that there is one Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ, the righteous, who being made a High Priest of good things to come, has entered the holy place, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own precious blood, and having put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, has obtained eternal redemption for us, and is set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Blessed Jesus! we acknowledge thee in all thy offices and adore thee in all thy graces. As our Prophet, thou dost teach us—for thou art the way, the truth and the life. As our merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, thou hast made atonement for the sins of the whole world. As our King, thou art seated on thy mediatorial throne upon the holy hill of Zion. May we ever be found sitting at thy feet and learning of thee to be meek and lowly in heart; may we, through faith, be made partakers of the atonement in thy blood; and ever be the faithful, obedient subjects of thy heavenly kingdom.

We thank thee, O Lord, for thy merciful protection during the past night, and we would implore thy blessing and direction this day. Give us grace to discharge the duties of the day, with patience to endure its trials, and with fortitude to overcome its temptations—and at last, with all the redeemed, bring us to the enjoyment of thyself in heaven. Grant us, we beseech thee, the answer of these our petitions, and the pardon of our sins, through our Divine Mediator. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, etc.

GOD'S LOVE IN THE GIFT OF CHRIST.

Second Friday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 51. C. M.

Ephesus.

FATHER, to thee my soul I lift;
My soul on thee depends;
Convinced that every perfect gift
From thee alone descends.

Mercy and grace are thine alone,
And power and wisdom too:
Without the Spirit of thy Son
We nothing good can do.

We cannot speak one useful word,
One holy thought conceive,
Unless, in answer to our Lord,
Thyself the blessing give.

His blood demands the purchased grace,
His blood's availing plea
Obtained the help for all our race,
And sends it down to me.

HYMN 52. S. M.

Alva.

GREAT God, accept a heart
That pants to sing thy praise;
Thou who without beginning art,
And without end of days:

Thy goodness is display'd,
On all thy works impress'd;
Thou lovest all thy hands have made,
But man thou lovest best.

Gracious art thou to all
Who truly turn to thee;
Oh hear me then for pardon call,
And show thy grace to me.

Through mercy reconciled,
For Jesus' sake forgiven;
Receive, O Lord, thy favor'd child,
To sing thy praise in heaven.

Teacher. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John iv. 14.

Scholars. God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John iv. 9.

T. Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. Ps. xl. 6, 7, 8.

S. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest. Ps. xl. 9.

T. When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. iv. 4.

S. For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fullness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself. Col. i. 19, 20.

T. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii. 16.

S. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John iv. 10.

T. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John iv. 9.

S. If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John iv. 11.

T. The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. Eph. i. 17.

S. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Pet. i. 3.

T. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Eph. i. 3.

S. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. i. 7.

T. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. 1 Pet. i. 10.

S. Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 1 Pet. i. 11.

T. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. ix. 15.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah! who art the King of kings and Lord of lords, the heavens declare thy glory, and the earth is full of thy riches. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty; we adore thee in the displays of thy power and grandeur. Thou art glorious in holiness; we adore thee in the infinite purity of thy character. But we magnify thee, O Lord, that thou art not only the Mighty God whose name is Holy, but that thou art also the God of Love.

We thank thee for all the manifestations of thy loving kindness, but especially for the gift of thy dear Son, our Saviour. Thou hast loved us with more than a parental affection. When we lay under the curse of a broken law, when there was no eye to pity us, nor arm to save, thou didst remember us in our low estate and wast pleased to lay help upon One that was mighty to save and strong to deliver. Thou didst send thy Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We bless thee that thou hast also commended thy love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly. Thanks be unto the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for his unspeakable gift.

God of all grace, who hast so loved us as to give thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life, give unto us thy servants that faith which will enable us to receive him fully in his divine character and offices, that he may be to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and complete redemption. May we make him our only refuge, walk in him as our way, and follow him as our guide, that, transformed into his divine image, we may be like him at his appearing, and so be ever with the Lord. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, etc.

BENEFITS OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST.

Second Saturday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 53. S. M.

St. Thomas.

WHAT majesty and grace
Through all the gospel shine!
'Tis God that speaks, and we confess
The doctrine most divine.

Down from his throne on high
The mighty Saviour comes,
Lays his bright robes of glory by,
And feeble flesh assumes.

The debt that sinners owed
Upon the cross he pays:
Then through the clouds ascends to God
'Midst shouts of loftiest praise.

There our High Priest appears
Before his Father's throne;
Mingles his merits with our tears,
And pours salvation down.

HYMN 54. C. M.

Delight.

THY ceaseless, unexhausted love,
Unmerited and free,
Delights our evil to remove,
And helps our misery.

Thou waitest to be gracious still;
Thou dost with sinners bear;
That, saved, we may thy goodness feel,
And all thy grace declare.

Thy goodness and thy truth to me,
To every soul abound;
A vast, unfathomable sea,
Where all our thoughts are drown'd.

Its streams the whole creation reach,
So plenteous is the store;
Enough for all, enough for each,
Enough for evermore.

Teacher. There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Zech. xiii. 1.

Scholars. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John iv. 10.

T. Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it. Eph. v. 25.

S. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. iii. 5.

T. By him, all that believe are justified from all things

from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts xiii. 39.

S. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. v. 1.

T. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Tit. ii. 11.

S. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Eph. iv. 7.

T. The grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Rom. v. 15.

S. Of his fullness have we all received, and grace for grace. John i. 16.

T. God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John iv. 9.

S. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John i. 4.

T. For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us. 1 John i. 2.

S. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John v. 12.

T. Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the word of eternal life. John v. 68.

S. Jesus saith, I am the way, and the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. John xiv. 6.

T. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John iv. 14.

S. I am the living bread, which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. John vi. 51.

T. Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you. John vi. 27.

S. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. ix. 15.

PRAYER.

ADORABLE and blessed Jehovah, thou art infinitely glorious in thy majesty and power, as displayed in creation, and infinitely gracious in thy condescension and mercy, as exhibited in the work of redemption. When we think of thy majesty and holiness, and our own unworthiness and guilt, we are filled with profound self-abasement. When we remember thy compassion and grace in the gift of the world's Redeemer, we would approach thy throne with thankfulness and joy—we would take the cup of salvation, and offer thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation in the house of his servant David!

While we mourn that the wages of sin is death, we would rejoice that the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we have forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace—who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. O Lord, as thou hast not spared thine only Son, but freely given him up for us all, may we have confidence that with him thou wilt give us all things. As it has pleased thee that in him should all fullness dwell, may we with faith approach our divine treasury, and receive of his fullness, and grace for grace, until we are filled with all the fullness of God and made meet for his heavenly kingdom.

Blessed Jesus! we are lost, but thou art for salvation to the ends of the earth. We are weak, but help is laid upon one that is mighty. We are poor and needy, but thou hast the unsearchable riches. We are blind and ignorant, but in thee are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Be thou our wisdom, and riches, and strength, and salvation. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those, etc.

BENEFITS OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

Second Saturday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 55. C. M.

Fountain.

THERE is a fountain fill'd with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Thou dying Lamb! thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransom'd Church of God
Are saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

HYMN 56. S. M.

Lathrop.

NOT all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away—
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of thine—
While like a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burdens thou didst bear,
When hanging on the accursed tree,
And hopes her guilt was there.

Teacher. I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures. 1 Cor. xv. 3.

Scholars. When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Rom. v. 6.

T. God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. v. 8.

S. I am the good Shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John x. 11.

T. Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us. Eph. v. 2.

S. The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world. Gal. i. 3, 4.

T. He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Tit. ii. 14.

S. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. liii. 5.

T. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. 1 Pet. iii. 18.

S. He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him, which died for them, and rose again. 2 Cor. v. 15.

T. The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal. ii. 20.

S. Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. ix. 22.

T. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John i. 7.

S. He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John ii. 2.

T. We also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. v. 11.

S. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in himself. Eph. i. 7, 8, 9.

T. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. i. 5, 6.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Father and God, we adore thee as our Creator, Preserver and Redeemer. We thank thee for the purpose of salvation in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world. We bless thee that when the fullness of time had come thou didst send thy Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons; who his ownself bore our sins in his own body upon the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. With the apostle may we triumph in the cross; God forbid that we should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ, by whom we are crucified unto the world and the world unto us.

All praise and honor be unto thee, for the displays of thy goodness and truth in the advent, life, sufferings and death of thine only and well-beloved Son, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. Give us, O Lord, that lively faith by which we shall see in the sufferings and death of the Son of God a full satisfaction to offended justice, and in his glorious resurrection a proof of the divinity of his nature, and an earnest of our future existence beyond the grave.

Adorable Saviour, as our Passover thou wast slain for us, and by thy death hast obtained for us freedom from Satan's yoke, and deliverance from the stroke of God's avenging sword; mercifully grant unto us the gracious consequences of thy death, resurrection and glory, that we may be transformed into thy divine image, and conformed to thy law upon earth, and at length join the innumerable multitude around the throne in singing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!" Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, etc.

GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Third Sunday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 57. P. M.

Solitude.

SINNERS, lift up your hearts,
The promise to receive;
Jesus himself imparts—
He comes in man to live:
The Holy Ghost to man is given;
Rejoice in God sent down from heaven.

To make an end of sin,
And Satan's work destroy,
He brings his kingdom in—
Peace, righteousness and joy:
The Holy Ghost to man is given;
Rejoice in God sent down from heaven.

Jesus is glorified,
And gives the Comforter,
His Spirit, to reside
In all his members here;
The Holy Ghost to man is given;
Rejoice in God sent down from heaven.

From heaven he shall once more
Triumphantly descend,
And all his saints restore
To joys that never end:
Then, then, when all our joys are given,
Rejoice in God, rejoice in heaven.

Teacher. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John iii. 5, 6.

Scholars. God also hath given unto us his Holy Spirit. 1 Thess. iv. 8.

T. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Rom. v. 5.

S. God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba, Father. Gal. iv. 6.

T. The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. Eph. i. 17.

S. Hereby we know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John iv. 13.

T. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. 1 Pet. i. 22.

S. He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John iv. 21.

T. This commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God, love his brother also. 1 John iv. 21.

S. Hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John iii. 24.

T. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead; much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Rom. v. 15.

S. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift; for the judgment was by one to condemnation; but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. Rom. v. 16.

T. God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Tim. i. 7.

S. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. 1 John iv. 18.

T. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John iv. 16.

S. The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit lusteth against the flesh, and these are contrary, the one to the other. Gal. v. 17.

T. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Gal. v. 18.

S. God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given us his Holy Spirit. 1 Thess. iv. 7, 8.

T. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. iv. 19, 20, 21, 22.

PRAYER.

God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we adore thee as the everlasting God. Father of mercies, thou hast created and preserved us, and crowned our lives with loving kindness and tender mercy. Make us obedient children, keeping thy commandments, and following thee all our days. Saviour of the world, thou hast redeemed us with thy precious blood as of a lamb without spot and blemish. Melt our hearts by thy dying love, that we may be the willing subjects of thy heavenly kingdom, which consists in righteousness and true holiness.

Holy Spirit, thou art the God of all grace, the author of all the spiritual gifts and blessed influences that have enriched thy people and thy ministering servants. Thou hast been the inspiration of apostles and prophets, of evangelists and pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body of Christ. We thank thee, our Father and God, that the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal—that it strives with his spirit to win him away from the world and woo him unto thee. Adored be thy name, that its influences have been felt upon our hearts; and although we have been undutiful children, unprofitable servants in thy sight, that it still continues to strive with us, after so many years of forgetfulness and sin. Take not, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit from us, but may its convicting and converting power be manifested, till our reconciled God shall send the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba, Father.

Author of every good and perfect gift, we thank thee for the blessings we enjoy—for life and health, for food and raiment, and for the opportunities of becoming wiser and better. Mercifully protect and defend us by thy power, and bring us at length to thine everlasting abode, to enjoy the blissful presence of the triune God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Third Sunday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 58. P. M.

Little.

HOLY SPIRIT! Fount of blessing,
Ever watchful, ever kind;
Thy celestial aid possessing,
Prison'd souls deliv'rance find.

Seal of truth and bond of union,
Source of light and flame of love,
Symbol of divine communion,
In the olive-bearing dove;

Heavenly Guide from paths of error,
Comforter of minds distress'd—
When the billows fill with terror,
Pointing to the ark of rest;

Promised Pledge! Eternal Spirit!
Greater than all gifts below—
May our hearts thy grace inherit:
May our lips thy glories show.

HYMN 59. C. M.

Covington.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go
To reach eternal joys.

Father, and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate;
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
And thine to us so great?

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers;
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

Teacher. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. viii. 1.

Scholars. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. viii. 2.

T. Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. Rom. viii. 9, 10.

S. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom. viii. 16.

T. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again

to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Rom. viii. 15.

S. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. viii. 14.

T. If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom. viii. 11.

S. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. vi. 11.

T. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God. 1 John iv. 2.

S. God according to his mercy saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. iii. 5.

T. God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 Thess. ii. 13.

S. For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. Eph. v. 9.

T. We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Gal. v. 5.

S. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit. Gal. v. 5.

T. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Rom. viii. 13.

S. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. Rom. viii. 12.

T. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. v. 22.

S. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. vi. 8.

T. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Rom. xv. 13.

PRAYER.

God, the Father Almighty, our Creator and Benefactor, we adore thee as a God of grace; thou art gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great compassion. God, the Son, our Redeemer, thou art a God of grace; thou art full of grace and truth. God, the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier, thou art a God of grace: thou art the spirit of grace and supplication. Glory to God in the highest that, lost sinners though we be, we are permitted to behold the triune God shining in all the loveliness of mercy and grace.

Holy and divine Spirit, in approaching thy sacred majesty, may we feel the necessity of thy sanctifying influence upon our hearts. Pour upon us, we beseech thee, the dew of thy blessing, that our petitions to the throne of the heavenly grace may be offered in penitence and faith, in earnestness and love, that answers of peace may come to our waiting souls.

Forbid, O Lord, that any of us should ever grieve the Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto redemption, or resist his gracious influence, but may our souls be purified in obeying the truth, through sanctification of the Spirit, until in our words and in our lives the fruits of the Spirit are manifested in love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Pity, we beseech thee, our friends and relatives that are still in the paths of sin; open their minds to see that he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting; and may they fly to the only hope set before them in the gospel, the wounds of a crucified Redeemer.

God of our salvation, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, we thank thee for the blessing of life and light; as thou hast been our sun and shield during the day, be our shade and defence through the night, and save us for Christ's sake. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, etc.

SOURCE OF WISDOM.

Third Monday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 60. L. M.

Rockingham.

TO us the voice of Wisdom cries,
"Hearken, ye children, and be wise;
Better than gold the fruit I bear,
Rubies with me may not compare.

"Happy the man who daily waits
To hear me, watching at my gates;
Wretched is he who scorns my voice,
Death and destruction are his choice.

"To them that love me, I am kind,
And those who seek me early, find;
My son, give me thine heart, and learn
Wisdom from folly to discern.

"Mark the beginning of my law,
Fear ye the Lord with sacred awe;
Mark the fulfillment of the whole,
Love ye the Lord with all your soul."

HYMN 61. L. M.

Mendon.

GOD, in the gospel of his Son,
Makes his eternal counsels known;
'Tis here his richest mercy shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of an humble frame
May taste his grace and learn his name;
'Tis shown in characters of blood,
Severely just, immensely good.

Here Jesus, in ten thousand ways,
His soul-attracting charms displays:
Recounts his poverty and pains,
And tells his love in melting strains.

Wisdom its dictates here imparts,
To form our minds, to cheer our hearts;
Its influence makes the sinner live,
It bids the drooping saint revive.

Teacher. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov. iv. 7.

Scholars. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. Prov. viii. 11.

T. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thy head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Prov. iv. 8, 9.

S. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that

giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James i. 5.

T. The Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding; he layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous. Prov. ii. 6, 7.

S. For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy. Eccles. ii. 26.

T. Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. Job xxviii. 28.

S. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Prov. vii. 13.

T. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. Prov. vii. 14.

S. Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the Lord understand all things. Prov. xxviii. 5.

T. Then spake Jesus unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John viii. 12.

S. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward part; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Ps. li. 6.

T. Good and upright is the Lord, therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Ps. xxv. 8.

S. He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isa. ii. 3.

T. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Ps. cxix. 33.

S. I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. xxxii. 8.

T. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation. Ps. xxv. 5.

S. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Ps. cxliii. 10.

T. My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Prov vii. 1.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and omnipresent God, whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good; we adore thee in thy omniscience, and with the apostle would exclaim, "Oh the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Thou art the only wise God; with thee there is understanding, thou hast strength. We are fallen creatures, with darkened understanding, perverted judgment and sensual affections. With the simplicity of children we come to thee as Solomon did, and pray for wisdom: Lord give us an understanding heart, and in the inward part make us to know wisdom. Open our eyes that we may see wondrous things in thy law; and while we feel our lost condition by nature, give us to see the rich provision made for us in the gospel of thy Son, even the hidden mystery of godliness, God manifested in the flesh for the redemption of the world.

As the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, teach us thy fear; put within our hearts a filial fear of thee as our Father and God, and grant that, fearing and loving thee, we may keep thy commandments. Most merciful Father, as this is eternal life, to know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, shine thou into our hearts, and give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Divine Saviour! thou art the way, the truth and the life. No man knoweth the Father but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him; therefore we come to thee and beseech thee; show us the Father, even as a sin-pardoning God reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. Thou art the Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God; lead us in thy truth, and teach us, for thou art the God of our salvation. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, etc.

FRUITS OF WISDOM.

Third Monday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 62. L. M.

Brooklyn.

WISDOM divine! who tells the price
Of Wisdom's costly merchandise?
Wisdom to silver we prefer,
And gold is dross compared to her.

Her hands are fill'd with length of days,
True riches and immortal praise—
Riches of Christ on all bestow'd,
And honor that descends from God.

To purest joys she all invites—
Chaste, holy, spiritual delights;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her flowery paths are peace.

Happy the man who Wisdom gains;
Thrice happy who his guest retains:
He owns, and shall for ever own,
Wisdom and Christ and heaven are one.

HYMN 63. C. M.

Balerma.

OH happy is the man who hears
Religion's warning voice,
And who celestial Wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
More precious are her bright rewards
Than gems or stores of gold.

Her right hand offers to the just
Immortal, happy days;
Her left, imperishable wealth
And heavenly crowns displays.

And as her holy labors rise,
So her rewards increase:
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

Teacher. My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee: so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thy heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. Prov. ii. 1–5.

Scholars. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk

uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Prov. ii. 6–8.

T. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. Prov. ii. 9.

S. When wisdom entereth into thy heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee. Prov. ii. 10, 11.

T. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Prov. iii. 13.

S. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. Prov. iii. 14.

T. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Prov. iii. 15.

S. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Prov. iii. 16.

T. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Prov. iii. 17.

S. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. Prov. iii. 18.

T. The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. Prov. iii. 19.

S. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. Prov. iii. 20.

T. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion. Prov. iii. 21.

S. So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. Prov. iii. 22.

T. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. Prov. iii. 23.

S. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Prov. iii. 24.

T. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Prov. iii. 26.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we adore thee as the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning; who alone hast immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto. We praise thee for the light of reason, though darkened by the fall, and for the light of conscience, though dimmed by sin; we bless thee for the light of revelation in which thou art made known as a God of love and mercy. Oh give us the light of thy grace, whereby we may serve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear upon earth; and grant, we beseech thee, that we may be made partakers of the light of thy glory in heaven.

Holy and divine Spirit, thou art a spirit of wisdom; thou searchest all things, even the deep things of God. As the natural man receiveth not the things of God, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned, do thou open our minds to receive those spiritual doctrines which are taught in the Scriptures, and incline our hearts to embrace those spiritual blessings which are offered in the gospel; and may the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom.

Blessed Saviour, thou art the great Teacher; in thee are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We would be thy disciples; we would learn of thee who art meek and lowly in heart. Oh give us that wisdom which is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy, that men may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

Bless us and direct us in our various studies; may we regard all human learning as valuable only as it leads to the knowledge of thee; and as the wisdom of this world passeth away, may we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen! Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver, etc.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Third Tuesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 64. P. M.

Wilmot.

HOLY Bible! book divine!
Precious treasure! thou art mine!
Mine, to tell me whence I came;
Mine, to teach me what I am.

Mine, to chide me when I rove;
Mine, to show a Saviour's love;
Mine art thou to guide my feet,
Mine, to judge, condemn, acquit.

Mine, to comfort in distress,
If the Holy Spirit bless;
Mine, to show by living faith
Man can triumph over death.

Mine, to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
O thou precious book divine!
Precious treasure! thou art mine!

HYMN 65. C. M.

Conway.

BEFORE thy mercy seat, O Lord,
Behold thy servants stand,
To ask the knowledge of thy word,
The guidance of thy hand.

Let thy eternal truths, we pray,
Dwell richly in each heart;
That from the safe and narrow way
We never may depart.

Lord, from thy word remove the seal,
Unfold its hidden store:
And as we hear, oh may we feel
Its value more and more.

Help us to see the Saviour's love
Beaming from every page;
And let the thoughts of joy above
Our inmost souls engage.

Teacher. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. John v. 39.

Scholars. The holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. iii. 15.

T. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. iii. 16.

S. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. iii. 17.

T. No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. i. 20.

S. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are writter therein. Rev. i. 3.

T. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. iv. 12.

S. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. lv. 10, 11.

T. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. cxix. 105.

S. Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Prov. xxx. 5.

T. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. Ps. cxix. 140.

S. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isa. vi. 8.

T. Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. Ps. cxix. 160.

S. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Josh. i. 8.

T. Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction. Ps. cxix. 92.

S. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Ps. i. 1.

T. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Ps. i. 2.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we bless thee for thy goodness in our creation, for thy mercy in our preservation and for thy matchless love in our redemption. We thank thee for the ordinances of religion, and for all the means of grace with which thou hast favored us. We bless and give thanks unto thee for the volume of inspiration in which thou hast made a revelation of thy will; we praise thee that whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. Make us sensible that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and grant that we may prove by blessed experience that the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Inspire our hearts with increasing veneration for thy word; may we reverence its mysteries, admire its doctrines and obey its precepts. Amid the darkness of our earthly pilgrimage may it be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path; in the perplexities of life may it be the man of our counsel; amid the cares and discouragements of our terrestrial estate may its exceeding great and precious promises be the comfort of our souls; and in all the chances and changes of this mortal life may its everlasting truths be as an anchor both sure and steadfast and that entereth within the veil.

Accompany thy precious word wherever it is read or preached with the divine energy of its Author, and grant that it may be both quick and powerful—quick to impart spiritual life, and powerful to subdue and destroy the corruptions of our sinful nature. Fill with the Holy Ghost those engaged in its study, bless the missionary who bears its light and truth to the benighted heathen, and fill the whole earth with the knowledge of the Lord. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, etc.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Third Tuesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 66. C. M.

Dedham.

THY law is perfect, Lord of light;
Thy testimonies sure;
The statutes of thy realm are right,
And thy commandments pure.

Let these, O God, my soul convert,
And make thy servant wise;
Let these be gladness to my ears—
The day-spring to mine eyes.

By these may I be warn'd betimes;
Who knows the guile within?
Lord, save me from presumptuous [crimes:
Cleanse me from secret sin.

So may the words my lips express,
The thoughts that throng my mind,
O Lord, my strength and righteous-[ness,
With thee acceptance find.

HYMN 67. S. M.

Watchman.

HOW perfect is thy word
Thy judgments all are just:
And ever in thy promise, Lord,
May man securely trust.

I hear thy word in love—
In faith thy word obey;
Oh send thy Spirit from above,
To teach me, Lord, thy way.

Thy counsels all are plain,
Thy precepts all are pure;
And long as heaven and earth remain
Thy truth shall still endure.

Oh may my soul, with joy,
Trust in thy faithful word;
Be it through life my glad employ
To keep thy precepts, Lord.

Teacher. God spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me. Ex. xx. 1, 2, 3.

Scholars. Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

T. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I, the Lord thy God am a jealous God; and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Ex. xx. 4, 5, 6.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

T. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord wilt not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Ex. xx. 7.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

T. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. Ex. xx. 8, 9, 10, 11.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

T. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. xx. 12.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

T. Thou shalt not kill. Ex. xx. 13.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

T. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Ex. xx. 14.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

T. Thou shall not steal. Ex. xx. 15.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

T. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Ex. xx. 16.

S. Lord have mercy upon us, etc.

T. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his. Ex. xx. 17.

S. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

PRAYER.

O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim! there is no God besides thee. We adore thee as the one true God. Thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; for thou hast made the heavens and the earth and the inhabitants thereof.

Thou hast established thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all. We bless thee that justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne, and that thy law is holy, just and good, in accordance with the divine attributes and the nature and necessities of man. Yet we have to confess, O Lord our God, other lords have had dominion over us and that we have loved the creature more than the Creator Pardon our past folly and sinfulness, and open our eyes to behold the Lord our God in all the majesty and glory of his attributes, that, knowing him, we may reverence his character, love his excellence and keep his commandments.

Forbid that we should take the name of the Lord our God in vain, but give us, we beseech thee, a profound veneration for it and for everything on which it is enstamped—for thy revealed word, for thy blessed sacraments and for the temple wherein thou hast recorded thy name and where thine honor dwelleth. May we ever remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy; may we call it a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable. Give us grace suitably to honor our father and our mother; make us subject to all in authority over us, respectful to our superiors and meek, gentle, courteous and affable unto all men. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred and malice, and from all impure and inordinate desires; and keep us from all injustice, evil-speaking and covetousness, that we may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke; and grant, O Lord, that we may cherish in our hearts and exhibit in our lives the principles, both of the law and the prophets, by loving the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, etc.

BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE.

Third Wednesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 68. C. M.

Egremont.

OH that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep his statutes still!
Oh that my God would grant me grace,
To know and do his will!

Oh send thy Spirit down, to write
Thy law upon my heart!
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
Nor act the liar's part.

From vanity turn off mine eyes;
Let no corrupt design,
Nor covetous desires, arise
Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere:
Let sin have no dominion, Lord;
But keep my conscience clear.

HYMN 69. C. M.

Germany.

LORD, I esteem thy judgments right,
And all thy statutes just;
Thence I maintain a constant fight
With ev'ry flatt'ring lust.

Thy precepts often I survey;
I keep thy law in sight,
Through all the business of the day,
To form my actions right.

My heart, in midnight silence cries,
"How sweet thy comforts be!"
My thoughts in holy wonder rise,
And bring their thanks to thee.

And when my spirit drinks her fill
At some good word of thine,
Not mighty men, that share the spoil,
Have joys compar'd to mine.

Teacher. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth. Deut. xxviii. 1.

Scholars. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Deut. xxviii. 2.

T. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Deut. xxviii. 3.

S. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of

thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Deut. xxviii. 4.

T. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Deut. xxviii. 5.

S. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. Deut. xxviii. 6.

T. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. Deut. xxviii. 7.

S. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thy hand unto: and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Deut. xxviii. 8.

T. The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. Deut. xxviii. 9.

S. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. Deut. xxviii. 10.

T. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Deut. xxviii. 11.

S. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thy hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. Deut. xxviii. 12.

T. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath, if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them. Deut. xxviii. 13.

S. And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. Deut. xxviii. 14.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, Maker of heaven and earth: thou art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, God over all, blessed for ever. Thou art our rightful legislator and ruler; for thou art entitled to the love and obedience of all the intelligences thou hast formed. We thank thee for the divine precepts which thou hast given us, and for all the blessings which our land and nation, and the world at large, have derived from them wherever they have prevailed. We praise and give thanks unto thee for the saving influences of the gospel and its precious ordinances. Extend the knowledge of thy law and the invitations of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ.

We come before thee, our Father and our God, under a sense of our unworthiness, and acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws; for the carnal mind is enmity toward God; it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Pardon our past offences, most merciful God, and write thy laws, we beseech thee, upon the table of our hearts. Teach us to love them because they are righteous and holy, more to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

Holy and gracious Spirit, impart thy saving influences to enlighten our minds, and to direct and sanctify both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy law and in the works of thy commandments; and grant that while, with filial love, we yield obedience to the precepts of our heavenly Father, we may regard them not as a covenant of works, but as a rule of life in the hands of a Mediator, through whom alone we are to expect pardon and acceptance; and may we find that in keeping of them there is great reward, even thy favor in time and thy salvation in eternity. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, etc.

REPENTANCE.

Third Wednesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 70. P. M.

Hotham.

SINNERS, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Maker, asks you why—
God, who did your being give,
Made you for himself to live.

He the fatal cause demands;
Asks the work of his own hands—
Why, ye thankless creatures, why
Will ye cross his love and die?

Sinners, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you why.
He, who did your souls retrieve,
Died himself, that you might live.

Will ye let him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, ye ransom'd sinners, why
Will ye slight his grace, and die?

HYMN 71. P. M.

Otto.

SINNERS, turn, while God is near;
Dare not think him insincere:
Now, e'en now, your Saviour stands;
All day long he spreads his hands.

Cries—Ye will not happy be;
No, ye will not come to me—
Me who life to none deny:
Why will ye resolve to die?

Turn, he cries, ye sinners, turn:
By his life, your God hath sworn,
He would have you turn and live;
He would all the world receive.

If your death were his delight,
Would he you to life invite?
Would he ask, beseech and cry—
Why will ye resolve to die?

Teacher. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, turn ye unto me, and I will turn unto you. Zech. i. 3.

Scholars. If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only, he will deliver you. 1 Sam. vii. 3.

T. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. Ezek. xviii. 32.

S. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Ezek. xviii. 30.

T. Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye, even to

me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. Joel ii. 12.

S. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 7.

T. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel. Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

S. If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Ezek. xviii. 21.

T. Thus saith the Lord: behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you; return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. Jer. xviii. 11.

S. Come and let us return unto the Lord, for he hath torn, and he will heal us, he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hos. vi. 1.

T. O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity; take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. Hos. xiv. 1, 2.

S. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Ps. lxxxv. 4.

T. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away from him. Hos. xvi. 4.

S. The times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent. Acts xvii. 30.

T. Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts ii. 38.

S. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. Acts viii. 22.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, the great and dreadful God, keeping covenant with those that obey thy commandments; we bless thee that thou art also the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. We would confess our unworthiness before thee, for we have all sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and thy judgments. Righteousness belongeth, O Lord, unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, because of the trespasses wherewith we have trespassed against thee.

We praise thee, that although we have sinned against thee, Christ has died for our sins, and has been exalted as a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel and remission of sins. Give us, therefore, we beseech thee, a penitent sense of all our sins, the follies of our childhood and the transgressions of our riper years, and may we mourn over them with that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God to walk in his ways, and to observe his laws; therefore, O Lord, we come before thee and beseech thee for all thy righteousness, let thine anger be turned away, pardon our sins, and lift upon us the light of thy reconciled countenance and give us peace. O Lord, incline thine ear, and hearken to the prayer of thy servants and their supplications, which we do not present before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies in Christ Jesus; hear us, O Lord, and forgive us through the merits and mediation of thy Son our Redeemer. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, etc.

NATURE OF FAITH.

Third Thursday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 72. S. M.

Flint.

FAITH—'tis a precious gift,
  Where'er it is bestowed;
It boasts a high celestial birth,
  And is the gift of God.

Jesus it owns as King,
  And all-atoning Priest;
It claims no merit of its own,
  But looks for all in Christ.

To him it leads the soul,
  When filled with deep distress:
Flies to the fountain of his blood,
  And trusts his righteousness.

Since 'tis thy work alone,
  And that divinely free,
Lord, send the Spirit of thy Son
  To work this faith in me.

HYMN 73. C. M.

Woodland.

MISTAKEN souls! that dream of hea-
  And make their empty boast [ven,
Of inward joys, and sins forgiven,
  While they are slaves to lust.

Vain are our fancies, airy flights,
  If faith be cold and dead;
None but a living power unites
  To Christ, the living Head.

'Tis faith that changes all the heart,
  'Tis faith that works by love,
That bids all sinful joys depart,
  And lifts the thoughts above.

'Tis faith that conquers earth and hell,
  By a celestial power;
This is the grace that shall prevail
  In the decisive hour.

Teacher. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. xi. 6.

Scholars. By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Eph. ii. 8.

T. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. 2 Cor. iv. 13.

S. The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Gal. iii. 22.

T. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal. iii. 13, 14.

S. We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Gal. v. 5.

T. Continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard. Col. i. 23.

S. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

T. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Eph. iv. 13.

S. The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. iii. 24.

T. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Gal. iii. 11.

S. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. v. 1.

T. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. Rom. iii. 25.

S. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned. Mark xvi. 16.

T. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1 John v. 1.

S. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John v. 4, 5.

T. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving; for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Col. ii. 6, 7, 9.

PRAYER.

FATHER of all our mercies and God of all grace, we would assemble around the altar of prayer, and offer up our morning sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise for the blessings we enjoy, and for the loving-kindness and tender mercy that have crowned our past existence. For all thy benefits make us unfeignedly thankful, and may we evince our love and gratitude by walking in thy ways and keeping thy commandments.

Almighty and eternal Jehovah, thou art a Spirit, and they who would worship thee must worship thee in spirit and in truth. As faith is the principle and means of all vital godliness, give us that faith without which it is impossible to please God—the faith which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen—the faith which works by love, which purifies the heart, and is productive of good works.

O Lord, in coming before thee this morning, we desire to draw near with a true heart and in full assurance of faith. Give us a living faith in thee; faith in thy love, faith in thy providence, faith in thy word and in its precious promises, that we may commit the keeping of our souls unto thee in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Make us, O Lord, we beseech thee, rich in faith; make us strong in faith; may we live by faith; may we walk by faith and not by sight; and may we add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, etc.

HISTORICAL EXAMPLES OF FAITH.

Third Thursday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 74. C. M.

Stoneville.

FAITH is the brightest evidence
Of things beyond our sight;
It pierces through the veil of sense,
And dwells in heavenly light.

It sets time past in present view,
Brings distant prospects home,
Of things a thousand years ago,
Or thousand years to come.

By faith we know the world was made
By God's almighty word:
We know the heavens and earth shall [fade,
And be again restored.

Abra'm obeyed the Lord's command,
From his own country driven;
By faith he sought a promised land,
But found his rest in heaven.

HYMN 75. L. M.

All Saints.

'TIS by the faith of joys to come,
We walk through deserts dark as [night;
Till we arrive at heaven, our home,
Faith is our guide, and faith our light.

The want of sight she well supplies,
She makes the pearly gates appear;
Far into distant worlds she pries,
And brings eternal glories near.

Cheerful we tread the desert through,
While faith inspires a heavenly ray,
Though lions roar, and tempests blow,
And rocks and dangers fill the way.

So Abra'm, by divine command,
Left his own house to walk with God;
His faith beheld the promised land,
And fired his zeal along the road.

Teacher. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh. Heb. xi. 4.

Scholars. By faith Enoch was translated, that he should not see death: and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Heb. xi. 5.

T. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Heb. xi. 7.

S. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Heb. xi. 8.

T. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb. xi. 9, 10.

S. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only-begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called. Heb. xi. 17, 18.

T. Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. Heb. xi. 19.

S. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. Heb. xi. 20.

T. By faith Jacob, when he was a-dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshiped, leaning upon the top of his staff. Heb. xi. 21.

S. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. Heb. xi. 22.

T. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child. Heb. xi. 23.

S. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. Heb. xi. 24, 25.

T. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Heb. xi. 27.

S. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do, were drowned. Heb. xi. 29.

T. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Heb. xi. 39, 40.

PRAYER.

Holy Spirit of grace, while we approach the altar of prayer, breathe upon us thy blessed influences, that in the exercise of a living faith we may come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the means of grace, and especially for thy word and for the many bright examples it contains of the saints of God, who through faith wrought righteousness and obtained the promises, who out of weakness were made strong, and were persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed; and who, pilgrims and strangers upon earth, looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Inspire us with a holy zeal to emulate their active virtues and their gentle graces. Give us the vigorous faith of Abraham and Moses, the burning zeal of Paul, and the fervent love of John; and seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, help us to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Amid the afflictions of life may we remember that no sorrows are like unto his sorrows; amid the revilings of the ungodly may we consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself; and while but strangers and sojourners upon earth, as all our fathers were, may we declare plainly that we seek a better country, even an heavenly. Amid the cares and labors of earth, when heart and flesh faint and fail us, may we feel that although our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day; and in the ravages of disease, and in prospect of the decay of our mortal nature under the curse, "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return," enable us by faith to exclaim, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

FAITH IN GOD.

Third Friday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 76. C. M.

Ortonville.

FATHER of Jesus Christ, my Lord,
My Saviour and my Head,
I trust in thee, whose powerful word
Hath raised him from the dead.

Thou know'st for my offence he died,
And rose again for me,
Fully and freely justified,
That I might live to thee.

Eternal life to all mankind
Thou hast in Jesus given;
And all who seek, in him shall find
The happiness of heaven.

Faith, mighty faith the promise sees,
And looks to that alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries "It shall be done!"

HYMN 77. P. M.

Nashville.

FATHER of Jesus Christ, the Just,
My Friend and Advocate with thee,
Pity a soul that fain would trust
In him who lived and died for me;
But only thou canst make him known,
And in my heart reveal thy Son.

If drawn by thy alluring grace,
My want of living faith I feel,
Show me in Christ thy smiling face,
What flesh and blood can ne'er re-
Thine all-redeeming Son display, [veal,
And call my darkness into day.

The gift unspeakable impart,
Command the light of faith to shine—
To shine in my dark, drooping heart,
And fill me with the life divine;
Now bid the new creation be:
O God, let there be faith in me!

Teacher. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. xi. 1, 6.

Scholars. For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. xi. 6.

T. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Heb. xi. 3.

S. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John v. 4.

T. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation. John v. 24.

S. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Isa. liii. 10.

T. Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established. 2 Chron. xx. 20.

S. And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark xi. 22, 23.

T. For what if some did not believe; shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? Rom. iii. 3.

S. God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Rom. iii. 4.

T. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 1 John v. 9.

S. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 1 John v. 10.

T. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life. 1 John v. 11, 12.

S. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever. Ps. cxlvi. 5, 6.

T. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. cxlvi. 10.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah! it is but the fool that has said in his heart, There is no God. Thy existence is written in the volume of nature and upon the fleshly tables of the heart. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. In approaching thy throne, we believe that thou art, and that thou art the rewarder of them that diligently seek thee. Help us to feel thou art our hope, O Lord God: thou art our trust from our youth.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we adore thee as the one almighty and eternal God. Thou art righteous in all thy works and faithful in all thy ways. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep. Thy mercy is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thou art faithful in the fulfillment of the conditions of the covenant of grace; thou art faithful in the fulfillment of the promises of thy word, and in the fulfillment of the promises of thy mercy and truth.

We adore thee, O Lord, as the great and dreadful God, keeping covenant and mercy with them that love thee, and them that keep thy commandments. Thou art our Creator and Preserver and divine Legislator. We thank thee that thou hast not only written thy laws upon our natural conscience, but hast made a revelation of thy divine will and requirements in thy word.

Give us faith to believe thy gospel as the God of salvation, and give us grace to obey thy laws as our Father and King; and while we look up to thee with the eye of faith and with a heart of love, do thou condescend, we beseech thee, to look down with an eye of compassion and of favor; that each one of us may be enabled to take God in Christ as our God, and with the Psalmist exclaim, This God is our God for ever and ever, and he will be our guide unto death. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, etc.

FAITH IN CHRIST.

Third Friday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 78. S. M.

Palermo.

SPIRIT of faith, come down,
Reveal the things of God;
And make to us the Godhead known,
And witness with the blood.

'Tis thine the blood to apply,
And give us eyes to see,
That he who did for sinners die,
Hath surely died for me.

No man can truly say
That Jesus is the Lord,
Unless thou take the veil away,
And breathe the living word;

Then, only then, we feel
Our int'rest in his blood;
And cry, with joy unspeakable,
Thou art my Lord, my God!

Oh that the world might know
The all-atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show
The virtue of his name.

HYMN 79. P. M.

Rock of Ages.

ROCK of ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee,
Let the water and the blood
From thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure.
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

Should my tears for ever flow,
Should my zeal no languor know,
This for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold thee on thy throne;
Rock of ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee!

Teacher. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. John xiv. 1.

Scholars. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John xii. 46.

T. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John vi. 47.

S. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself. 1 John v. 10.

T. The Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved

me, and have believed that I came out from God. John xvi. 27.

S. The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal. ii. 20.

T. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. x. 9.

S. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation. John v. 24.

T. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. Rom. x. 10.

S. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John v. 5.

T. This is God's commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 1 John iii. 23.

S. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John iv. 15.

T. Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. x. 33.

S. Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts iii. 36.

T. We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. John vi. 69.

S. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him 1 Thess. iv. 14.

T. If we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. Rom. vi. 8.

S. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John v. 13.

PRAYER.

Spirit of grace, inspire our hearts with living faith this evening, that believing in God we may believe also in Jesus, and that while we worship our God and Father in Christ for his creating and preserving goodness, we may honor the Son, even as we honor the Father, for his redeeming grace. Help us, we beseech thee, to acknowledge and adore him as the Son of God, equal with the Father and the Spirit in perfections and prerogatives, and possessed of the same divine nature and glory.

Enable us by faith to receive him as our Saviour whom God has set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins; and grant that being justified by faith in his name, we may have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Oh fill our hearts with superlative love to Christ, in his person, in his ordinances and in his laws, until with the Apostle we can say, "Whom not having seen we love, in whom, though we see him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Adorable Redeemer, we acknowledge and praise thee as our Immanuel. Thou art our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. In thy personality thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, and in thy glorious perfections God over all, blessed for ever. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Make us the loving, obedient subjects of thy heavenly rule upon earth, that we may be the partakers of thy glory in thine upper kingdom. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, etc.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

Third Saturday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 80. C. M.

Howard.

O GOD, we praise thee, and confess
That thou the only Lord
And everlasting Father art,
By all on earth ador'd.

To thee all angels cry aloud,
To thee the powers on high,
Both Cherubim and Seraphim,
Continually do cry—

"O holy, holy, holy Lord,
Whom heavenly hosts obey,
The world is with the glory fill'd
Of thy majestic sway."

The apostles' glorious company,
And prophets, crown'd with light,
With all the martyrs' noble host,
Thy constant praise recite.

HYMN 81. L. M.

Duke Street.

BLESS'D be the Father and his love,
To which celestial source we owe
Rivers of endless joy above,
And rills of comfort here below.

Glory to thee, great Son of God,
From whose dear, wounded body rolls
A precious stream of vital blood—
Pardon and life for dying souls!

We give thee, sacred Spirit, praise,
Who in our hearts of sin and woe,
Mak'st living springs of grace arise,
And into boundless glory flow

Thus God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, we adore;
The sea of life and love unknown,
Without a bottom or a shore.

Teacher and Scholars. I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into the place of departed spirits; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church;

the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OR THIS.

Teacher and Scholars. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

T. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Ps. li. 11.

S. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

T. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Num. vi. 24, 25, 26.

S. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. Ps. lxvii. 1.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah! There is no God beside thee. Thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth, for thou hast made heaven and earth, and the inhabitants thereof. While we worship thee as the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we bless thy name, that it is our privilege, in filial love, to draw nigh to thee as our Father which art in heaven. Oh make us ever thy loving and obedient children, created anew in Christ Jesus unto righteousness and true holiness.

Blessed Jesus, only-begotten Son of the living God, co-eternal, co-equal and consubstantial with the Father, we adore thee as our Lord, and with the Psalmist would exclaim, O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! We bless thee for thy matchless condescension, that thou didst become incarnate by the Holy Ghost, suffer under Pontius Pilate, and wast crucified, dead and buried for our redemption, that through death thou mightest destroy him that had the power of death, and deliver them who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to bondage. We bless and give thanks unto thee, that thou wast not holden of death, but didst rise from the grave for our justification, and sittest at the right hand of the Father Almighty, as our great Intercessor; whence thou shalt come to judge the quick and the dead.

Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, we acknowledge thee as the Lord and giver of life. Oh quicken us by thy Spirit, that living within the pale of the general Church of the first-born, in communion with the household of faith, and in the knowledge of the pardon of our sins, in the love of God and the comforts of the Holy Ghost, we may at length depart in the hopes of a glorious resurrection and of life everlasting, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, etc.

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER.

Third Saturday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 82. S. M.

Painesville.

THE praying spirit breathe,
The watching power impart;
From all entanglements beneath
Call off my peaceful heart;
My feeble mind sustain,
By worldly thoughts oppress,
Appear and bid me turn again
To my eternal rest.

Swift to my rescue come,
Thy own this moment seize;
Gather thy wandering spirit home,
And keep in perfect peace;
Suffered no more to rove
O'er all the earth abroad,
Arrest the prisoner of thy love,
And shut me up in God.

HYMN 83. P. M.

Chaney.

OPEN, Lord, thy inward ear,
And bid my heart rejoice;
Bid my quiet spirit hear
Thy comfortable voice,
Never in the whirlwind found, [place;
Nor where earthquakes rock the
Still and silent is the sound—
The whisper of thy grace.

From the world of sin and noise
And hurry I withdraw;
For the small and inward voice
I wait with humble awe;
Silent am I now and still,
Dare not in thy presence move,
To my waiting soul reveal
The secret of my love!

Teacher. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Ps. lxv. 2.

Scholars. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Ps. lxv. 4.

T. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God—for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. Eccles. v. 2.

S. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. Prov. xvi. 1.

T. No man can come unto me except the Father draw him. John vi. 44.

S. And thou wilt prepare thy heart: thou wilt cause thine ear to hear. Ps. x. 17.

T. He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. xi. 6.

S. Quicken us, O Lord, and we will call upon thy name; turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts, cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Ps. lxxx. 18, 19.

T. Lord, teach us to pray. Luke xi. 1.

S. The Spirit helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit maketh intercession for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered. Rom. viii. 26.

T. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him: but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. James i. 5, 6.

S. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. James i. 6, 7.

T. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. ii. 8.

S. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin. 2 Chron. vii. 14.

T. For thou, Lord, art good; and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Ps. lxxxvi. 5.

S. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John i. 9.

T. Thou shalt find the Lord if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. Deut. iv. 29.

S. Blessed are they who seek the Lord with their whole heart. Ps. cxix. 2.

T. Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Ps. lxxxi. 10.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, we desire to encompass the altar of divine mercy, and offer up unto thee our evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and prayer, through the merits of our Divine Mediator, in whom thou art well pleased, and whom thou ever delightest to hear. Give us, O Lord, we entreat thee, clear and just views of this solemn act of worship, that we may come before thee with reverence and humility, in faith and love, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. As the preparation of the heart in man, as well as the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord, in all our approaches unto thee, send the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, to help our infirmities, and breathe into our hearts the grace and the gift of prayer, that we may find thee, not only the gracious rewarder, but the almighty helper of them that diligently seek thee.

O Lord, thou art acquainted with all our ways, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Thou knowest our sins with all their aggravations, and our wants with all their peculiarities; yet thou callest upon us to confess our sins, that we may be humbled by a sense of our unworthiness, and to make known our desires by supplication, that we may be suitably affected by our weakness and dependence upon thee.

We come into thy presence, O Lord, under a consciousness of our guilt, and we confess our sinfulness before thee. Enter not into judgment with thy children, but according unto the multitudes of thy tender mercies blot out all our transgressions; create within us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may love thee with a filial love, and serve thee with a filial fear.

We acknowledge our dependence upon thee, our Creator, Preserver and bountiful Benefactor; it is in thee we live and move, and have our being. Oh give us ever, we pray thee, such blessings as we need; guide us by thine unerring wisdom, defend us by thy power, support us by thy grace, and at last receive us to thyself. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, etc.

THE HOLY SABBATH.

Fourth Sunday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 84. S. M.

Lisbon.

WELCOME, sweet day of rest,
That saw the Lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast,
And these rejoicing eyes!

The King himself comes near,
And feasts his saints to-day;
Here we may sit, and see him here,
And love and praise and pray.

One day in such a place,
Where thou, my God, art seen,
Is sweeter than ten thousand days
Of pleasurable sin.

My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
And sit and sing herself away
To everlasting bliss.

HYMN 85. C. M.

Waugh.

THIS is the day the Lord hath made;
O earth, rejoice and sing:
Let songs of triumph hail the morn;
Hosanna to our King!

The Stone the builders set at naught,
That Stone has now become
The sure foundation, and the strength
Of Zion's heavenly dome.

Christ is that stone, rejected once,
And number'd with the slain;
Now raised in glory, o'er his Church
Eternally to reign.

This is the day the Lord hath made;
O earth, rejoice and sing:
With songs of triumph hail the morn;
Hosanna to our King!

Teacher. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. Ex. xx. 8, 9, 10.

Scholars. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day and hallowed it. Ex. xx. 11.

T. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto

you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Ex. xxxi. 14.

S. Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ex. xxxi. 13.

T. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. Isa. lvi. 23.

S. Thus saith the Lord, Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath-day. Jer. xvii. 21.

T. Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath-day, neither do ye any work; but hallow ye the Sabbath-day, as I commanded your fathers. Jer. xvii. 22.

S. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Lev. xxiii. 30.

T. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Isa. lvi. 2.

S. Moreover, also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. Ezek. xx. 12.

T. Every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Isa. lvi. 6, 7.

S. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Ps. c. 1, 2.

T. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Ps. c. 3.

S. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Ps. c. 4.

PRAYER.

GREAT and glorious Jehovah, author and end of all things, we adore thee as the Lord of the Sabbath. We praise and give thanks unto thine excellent name that thou didst institute and hallow a day of rest, in which, relieved from worldly toil and care, we may hold sweet communion with thee and with the Holy Spirit.

We bless thee for the return of its sacred light, and for the health and strength with which thou hast favored us to engage in its religious duties. Inspire our hearts, we beseech thee, that we may be in the Spirit, upon thine own day, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words, but that we may consecrate its hours unreservedly to thee. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Oh come and let us worship, and bow down before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and enter his courts with praise.

Lord of the Sabbath, go with us to the temple of thine earthly abode, and bless us in all the exercises of the sanctuary while we are waiting before thee. When we sing thy praises, inspire our hearts, we beseech thee, that we may sing with the spirit and with the understanding, making melody in our hearts to God. When we pray, forbid that we should draw nigh to thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from thee; but give us, we entreat thee, the spirit of prayer, and nearness of access by faith unto the throne of heavenly grace, that we may worship thee in the beauty of holiness, and that answers of peace may come to our waiting souls. And while we attend to the ministration of thy word, may we listen to the truths of the gospel with attentive ears and willing minds, that we may receive them into our hearts and practice them in our lives. And at last save us, for Christ's sake.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

THE HOLY SABBATH.

Fourth Sunday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 86. L. M.

Hingham.

SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
To praise thy name, give thanks, and sing;
To show thy love by morning light,
And talk of all thy truths by night.

Sweet is the day of sacred rest:
No mortal cares shall seize my breast;
Oh may my heart in tune be found,
Like David's harp of solemn sound.

When grace has purified my heart,
Then I shall share a glorious part;
And fresh supplies of joy be shed,
Like holy oil, to cheer my head.

Then shall I see and hear and know
All I desired or wish'd below;
And every power find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

HYMN 87. P. M.

Sabbath.

THE light of Sabbath-eve
  Is fading fast away;
What record will it leave
  To crown the closing day?
Is it a Sabbath spent,
  Of fruitless time destroyed?
Or have these moments lent
  Been sacredly employed?

To waste these Sabbath hours,
  Oh may we never dare:
Nor taint with thoughts of ours
  Those sacred days of prayer:
But may our Sabbaths here
  Inspire our hearts with love,
And prove a foretaste clear
  Of that sweet rest above.

Teacher. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings. Lev. xxiii. 3.

Scholars. For God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Gen. ii. 3.

T. I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes and keep my judgments, and do them. Ezek. xx. 19.

S. And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. Ezek. xx. 20.

T. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing

thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words. Isa. lviii. 13.

S. Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. lviii. 14.

T. Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. Lev. xxvi. 2.

S. If ye walk in my statutes and keep my commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Lev. xxvi. 3, 4.

T. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing-time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. Lev. xxvi. 5.

S. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down; and none shall make you afraid; and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. Lev. xxvi. 6.

T. For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. Lev. xxvi. 9.

S. And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. Lev. xxvi. 11, 12.

T. But if ye will not hearken unto me, and do these things, I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Lev. xxvi. 33.

S. Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her Sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your Sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. Lev. xxvi. 34, 35.

PRAYER.

INFINITELY great and glorious Jehovah, God of grace and salvation, we draw nigh to thy throne of mercy at the close of the blessed Sabbath, and in the name of Him whose resurrection from the dead it commemorates, would lift up our eyes to thee from whence cometh all our help. We thank thee for the enjoyment of another day of rest, for the privileges of thy holy house, and for all the means of grace with which we have been favored. Make us duly sensible of all thy mercies, and diligent in the improvement of them to thy honor and glory.

This day have the goings forth of our God and King been seen in his sanctuary; this day has the Shepherd of Israel led his flock into the green pastures of gospel ordinances and by the still waters of gospel comfort; this day has the trumpet of salvation been sounded in the ears of thousands. Grant, O Lord, that, to the listening multitudes, the gospel of the Son of God may have come, not only in word, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and in power and much assurance; and that they have known, and heard, and loved the joyful sound. May thy word run, and have free course and be glorified in the hearts and minds of the people—to enlighten the ignorant, to awaken the careless, to reclaim the wandering, to confirm the weak, to establish the wavering, to comfort the afflicted, and to make a people prepared for the Lord.

Send out thy light and truth, O God, for the conversion of the nations. May those that sit in heathenish darkness and in the regions of death, see the great light of the gospel; may the solitary places of the earth be made glad and the desert bloom and blossom as the rose; may all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ, till, from each continent and isle of the sea, prayer and praise shall ascend to the one true God.

And when we have done and suffered thy will here, bring us, with all the redeemed, to enjoy an endless Sabbath in thy kingdom, for Christ's sake. Amen! Our Father, etc.

ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Fourth Monday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 88. P. M.

Heath.

SAVIOUR, when in dust to thee,
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our streaming eyes;
Oh by all thy pains and woe,
Suffer'd once for man below,
Bending from thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn litany.

By thy birth and early years;
By thy human griefs and fears;
By thy fasting and distress
In the lonely wilderness;
By thy victory in the hour
Of the subtle Tempter's power;
Jesus, look with pitying eye:
Hear our solemn litany.

By thine hour of dark despair;
By thine agony of prayer;
By the purple robe of scorn;
By thy wounds, thy crown of thorn;
By thy cross, thy pangs and cries;
By thy perfect sacrifice;
Jesus, look with pitying eye:
Hear our solemn litany.

HYMN 89. L. M.

Thorpe.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat:
'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads;
A place than all besides more sweet:
It is the blood-bought mercy-seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Tho' sunder'd far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.

Ah! whither could we flee for aid,
When tempted, desolate, dismay'd?
Or how the hosts of hell defeat
Had suff'ring saints no mercy-seat?

There, there on eagles' wings we soar,
And sin and sense molest no more;
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
While glory crowns the mercy-seat.

Teacher. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee. Job xxii. 27.

Scholars. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Ps. iv. 3.

T. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Ps. xxxiv. 6.

S. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles. Ps. xxxiv. 15, 17.

T. Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. l. 15.

S. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and save them. Ps. cxiv. 19.

T. The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. xv. 29.

S. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. Ps. xci. 15.

T. The Lord is rich in mercy to all that call upon him. Rom. x. 12.

S. They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Ps. xxiv. 10.

T. He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry: when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. Isa. xxx. 19.

S. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. Isa. lviii. 9.

T. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. Jer. xxix. 12.

S. They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The Lord is my God. Zech. xiii. 9.

T. Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. vii. 7.

S. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened Matt. vii. 8.

T. And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. xxi. 22.

S. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John xv. 7.

T. Lord, hear my voice; let thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications. Ps. cxxx. 2.

PRAYER.

O THOU, who art the Creator of the ends of the earth, and the only object of rational worship, we adore thee for thy benevolence and condescension to a ruined world; that, although thou inhabitest the praises of eternity, thou hast respect unto thy fallen creation, and thine ear is ever attentive to the cry of those who approach thy throne, with humility and in assurance of faith.

We praise and magnify thy name, O Lord, that thou hast made a mercy-seat accessible to us by the sprinkled blood of our adorable Redeemer and Mediator. We bless thee, our Father and God, that to this mercy-seat we may come, in all our weakness and with all our wants, in the hour of trial and temptation; in all times of difficulty and doubt; in all seasons of sorrow and suffering; and in all circumstances of affliction and distress; and that coming in penitence and faith, we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need—grace to hold up the failing hands, and to confirm the feeble knees; grace to supply our wants and necessities; to shield us in temptation; to enlighten us in darkness; and to bind up the broken spirit and the bleeding heart.

God of benevolence and mercy, we bless thy name, that, sinful though we be, thou hast graciously invited us to come unto thee and make our desires known; to ask and it shall be given us; to seek and we shall find; to knock and it shall be opened unto us. We come before thee, this morning, with the voice of thanksgiving for thy loving-kindness and tender mercy during our past lives, and especially for thy protection during the past night. We would supplicate thy blessing for the day. Give us strength of body and of mind for the duties of the day; graciously assist us in our studies; may we dedicate to thee our time and talents, that, living to thy honor and glory upon earth, we may live with thee in heaven. Give ear, O God, hearken to our prayer, and answer for Christ's sake. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

JUSTIFICATION.

Fourth Monday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 90. P. M.

Lenox.

ARISE, my soul, arise;
Shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands—
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead:
His blood atones for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me:
Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransom'd sinner die.

The Father hears him pray,
His dear anointed One:
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son:
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear:
He owns me for his child;
I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father, cry.

Teacher. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 7.

Scholars. The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. Ex. xxxiv. 6, 7.

T. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgression for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together, declare then that thou mayest be justified. Isa. xliii. 25, 26.

S. O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us, and

pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance. Ex. xxxiv. 9.

T. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Ps. li. 1.

S. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Ps. lv. 2, 3, 4.

T. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Isa. lv. 3.

S. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Ps. li. 17.

T. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. xxxiv. 18.

S. How can man be justified with God? Job xxv. 4.

T. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 1, 2.

S. By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Rom. iii. 20.

T. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. v. 8.

S. Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Rom. v. 9.

T. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. i. 7.

S. For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Eph. ii. 8.

T. Even the righteousness of God, which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. Rom. iii. 22.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the King eternal, immortal and invisible, who art our Creator, and wilt be our Judge! we adore the riches of thy grace, that, although justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne, yet mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. We praise and give thanks unto thee, that, although out of Christ thou art a consuming fire, yet, through his sufferings and death, thou hast proclaimed thyself "the Lord, the Lord God merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin."

We thank thee for the gracious invitation in thy word to sinners who are wandering from thee: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Lord, while we obey the call, suffer us not to come in our own name to seek justification by the works of the law, but in the name and through the merits of Him who was delivered for our offences and rose for our justification; that, being justified by faith, we may have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

For the sake of our adorable Redeemer, have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions; and to the justification of our persons add the sanctification of our natures; create within us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us, that we may glorify thee in our souls and bodies, which are thine. We thank thee, O Lord, for the mercies of the day; and would ask thy gracious protection for the night; watch over us during the darkness, preserve us, and at last save us for Christ's sake. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us, etc.

ADOPTION.

Fourth Tuesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 91. L. M.

Prince.

GREAT God, indulge my humble claim;
Be thou my hope, my joy, my rest;
The glories that compose thy name
Stand all engaged to make me blest.

Thou great and good, thou just and wise,
Thou art my Father and my God;
And I am thine by sacred ties—
Thy son, thy servant bought with blood.

With heart and eyes, and lifted hands,
For thee I long, to thee I look;
As travelers in thirsty lands
Pant for the cooling water-brook.

I'll lift my hands, I'll raise my voice,
While I have breath to pray or praise:
This work shall make my heart rejoice,
And fill the remnant of my days.

HYMN 92. C. M.

Lanesboro'.

SOV'REIGN of all the worlds on high,
Allow my humble claim;
Nor while, unworthy, I draw nigh,
Disdain a Father's name.

My Father, God! that gracious word
Dispels my guilty fear;
Not all the notes by angels heard
Could so delight my ear.

Come, Holy Ghost, thyself impress
On my expanding heart;
And show that in the Father's grace
I share a filial part.

Cheer'd by that witness from on high
Unwav'ring I believe;
And Abba, Father, humbly cry;
Nor can the sign deceive.

Teacher. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. Rom. viii. 14, 15.

Scholars. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Rom. viii. 16, 17.

T. When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son made of a woman, made under the law. Gal. iv. 4.

S. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. iv. 5.

T. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. Gal. iv. 6.

S. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. John i. 11, 12.

T. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John i. 13.

S. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Rom. viii. 29.

T. Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. iii. 5.

S. Which he shed on us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Tit. iii. 6, 7.

T. That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. Phil. ii. 15.

S. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John iii. 1, 2.

T. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John iii. 10.

S. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. xxi. 7.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, while we encompass thy throne with that profound reverence which becomes creatures before their Creator, we would approach thee with filial confidence as our Father in heaven. We bless thee for the encouragement of the promise, "I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters."

Thou hast powerful claims upon our gratitude, love and praise. As our Creator, thou art our Father. Thy hands have fashioned us for thyself, to show forth thy glory. As our Preserver, thou art our Father. Thy paternal hand has led us all our lives long, and supplied our wants and necessities. Our Father and God in Christ, as we are thy natural workmanship, created by thy omnipotence and supported by thy providence, oh make us thy spiritual workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus unto righteousness and true holiness; and grant, we beseech thee, that each day we may live to thy glory, as we live upon thy bounty.

Our Father in heaven, we acknowledge that we have been disobedient and sinful. Oh grant us repentance unto salvation, receive us into the family of thy children, and send into our hearts the spirit of adoption, whereby we may cry Abba, Father—the Spirit itself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and, if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

May we ever love thee with grateful hearts, and serve thee with willing minds, and reverence thee with a filial fear—that we may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. And to the Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, be honor and glory, for ever. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine, etc.

SANCTIFICATION.

Fourth Tuesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 93. C. M.

Marlow.

OH for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free—
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me.

A heart resign'd, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne:
Where only Christ is heard to speak—
Where Jesus reigns alone.

Oh for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renew'd,
And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

HYMN 94. S. M.

Lansdale.

THE thing my God doth hate,
That I no more may do,
Thy creature, Lord, again create,
And all my soul renew:

My soul shall then, like thine,
Abhor the thing unclean,
And, sanctified by love divine,
For ever cease from sin.

That blessed law of thine,
Jesus, to me impart;
The Spirit's law of life divine,
Oh write it on my heart.

Implant it deep within,
Whence it may ne'er remove—
The law of liberty from sin,
The perfect law of love.

Teacher. This is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thess. iv. 3.

Scholars. The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect. Gen. xvii. i.

T. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt. v. 48.

S. It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. Ps. xviii. 32.

T. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through

the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work. Heb. xiii. 20.

S. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. Heb. xii. 14, 15.

T. I am the Lord your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy, for I am holy. Lev. xi. 44.

S. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. iii. 18.

T. God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. ii. 13, 14.

S. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Ps. li. 2.

T. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. i. 18.

S. Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Ps. xix. 12.

T. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. Ezek. xxxvi. 25.

S. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Heb. x. 22.

T. Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John iii. 3.

S. Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Tit. ii. 14.

T. The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess v. 23.

PRAYER.

O THOU, who art the Holy One of Israel, whose name is Holy; we would approach thee with reverence and humility, and adoring thee in the matchless purity of thy character, with the angelic hosts would exclaim, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Thou art infinitely holy, O Lord, in thy attributes, holy in all thy works, and in all thy ways; every word of thy mouth is pure and holy; and thy law is holy, just and good. The very heavens are not pure in thy sight; thou chargest thine angels with folly, and canst not behold iniquity with allowance.

With what reverence and fear then should we, who are sinful worms of the dust, appear in thy presence? Lord, we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. But we bless thy name that thou hast invited us to draw nigh to the throne of grace, and hast promised that although our sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.

Most merciful God and Father, we accept the gracious invitation, and come to thee through our Divine Mediator and Redeemer, and beseech thee, for his sake, to blot out our sins. Cast us not away from thy presence, O infinite Purity, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

Blessed Jesus, who art the way, the truth and the life, be thou our wisdom, that we may be delivered from the folly of our nature; be thou our righteousness, that we may be cleansed from the guilt of sin; be thou our sanctification, that we may present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service; that the very God of peace may sanctify us wholly; and our spirit, soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Fourth Wednesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 95. C. M.

Iddo.

I WANT a principle within
  Of jealous, godly fear;
A sensibility of sin—
  A pain to feel it near.

Quick as the apple of an eye,
  O God, my conscience make;
Awake my soul when sin is nigh,
  And keep it still awake.

If to the right or left I stray,
  That moment, Lord, reprove;
And let me weep my life away,
  For having grieved thy love.

Oh may the least omission pain
  My well-instructed soul,
And drive me to the blood again
  Which makes the wounded whole.

HYMN 96. L. M.

New Sabbath.

ARISE, my soul, on wings sublime,
Above the vanities of time;
Let faith now pierce the veil, and see
The glories of eternity.

Born by a new, celestial birth,
Why should I grovel here on earth?
Why grasp at vain and fleeting toys,
So near to heaven's eternal joys?

Shall aught beguile me on the road—
The narrow road that leads to God?
Or can I love this earth so well
As not to long with God to dwell?

To dwell with God, to taste his love,
Is the full heaven enjoy'd above:
The glorious expectation now
Is heavenly bliss begun below.

Teacher. What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness? 2 Pet. iii. 11.

Scholars. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Tit. ii. 11, 12.

T. Break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy. Dan. iv. 27.

S. It shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us. Deut. vi. 25.

T. Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 20.

S. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. iii. 5.

T. Who his ownself bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. 1 Pet. ii. 24.

S. And now, little children, abide in him. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John ii. 28, 29.

T. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness. Eph. vi. 14.

S. For all this I considered in my heart, even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God. Eccles. ix. 1.

T. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Isa. lxiv. 5.

S. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments, the righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. Ps. cxix. 137, 144.

T. The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit. Prov. xii. 5.

S. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. Prov. xxix. 2.

T. Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, fight the good fight of faith. 1 Tim. vi. 11.

S. The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord; but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness. Prov. xv. 9.

T. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death. Prov. xiv. 32.

S. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Num. xxiii. 10.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, our Creator and Preserver, we adore thee as the righteous Lord who loveth righteousness. Thou art righteous in all thy purposes and holy in all thy ways. In presenting ourselves before thee, forbid that we should come like the proud Pharisee, trusting in our own righteousness: but as the humble Publican, confessing our sins, that we may find mercy and acceptance with thee, and the grace of obedience to thy blessed will.

Under a sense of our unworthiness and helplessness, may we ever feel that it is not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, that he has saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Oh grant that our hearts may ever rejoice in him as the Lord our Righteousness, who his ownself bore our sins in his own body upon the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness.

With a grateful sense of all thy mercies, O Lord, we would express the homage of our hearts for the precious privileges which we enjoy, and for thy gracious protection during the past night. We would supplicate thy throne this morning for thy blessing upon us, and for thy merciful direction in the duties and secular engagements of the present week. Forbid, we pray thee, that any gracious impressions made upon us should be as the early cloud and as the morning dew; but may thy good Spirit abide with us and prepare our hearts for all the duties, difficulties, trials, temptations, crosses and conflicts of the week upon which we have entered.

Bless us this day in our studies, we beseech thee; open our minds to receive knowledge and our hearts to receive spiritual truth; in all our doubts be thou our guide, in all our difficulties be thou our support, in all the dangers that beset us be thou our defence, and at last, with that innumerable multitude which no man can number, bring us, with all our friends, to praise thee in heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

REWARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Fourth Wednesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 97. S. M.

Hart.

WHAT cheering words are these?
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time and to eternity
'Tis with the righteous well.

'Tis well when joys arise;
'Tis well when sorrows flow;
'Tis well when darkness veils the skies,
And strong temptations blow.

'Tis well when at his throne
They wrestle, weep and pray;
'Tis well when at his feet they groan,
Yet bring their wants away.

'Tis well when Jesus calls,
From earth and sin, Arise,
Join with the hosts of virgin souls
Made to salvation wise.

HYMN 98. S. M.

Ballston.

THE man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinner's ways;
Amongst their councils never stands,
Nor takes the scorner's place;

But makes the law of God
His study and delight,
Amidst the labors of the day
And watches of the night.

He like a tree shall thrive
With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,
His works are heav'nly fruit.

Not so the ungodly race,
They no such blessing find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

Teacher. Blessed is he that doeth righteousness at all times. Ps. cvi. 3.

Scholars. The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. Isa. xxxii. 17, 18.

T. A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. Prov. xii. 3.

S. The wicked are overthrown and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand. Prov. xii. 7.

T. The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Ps. i. 6.

S. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Ps. xxxiv. 17.

T. Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous, with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Ps. v. 12.

S. He shall dwell on high, his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure. Isa. xxxiii. 16.

T. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. Prov. x. 28.

S. In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death. Prov. xii. 28.

T. He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, righteousness and honor. Prov. xxi. 21.

S. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked, for the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the Lord upholdeth the righteous. Ps. xxxvii. 16, 17.

T. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. Job xvii. 9.

S. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Ps. xcii. 12.

T. As righteousness tendeth to life, so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. Prov. xi. 19.

S. Evil pursueth sinners, but to the righteous good shall be repaid. Prov. xiii. 21.

T. Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. xiv. 34.

S. Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 1 Tim. iv. 8.

T. Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Isa. iii. 10.

S. I pray that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Phil. i. 10, 11.

PRAYER.

O Lord, our God and merciful Father in Christ, we desire once more to draw nigh to thee and return our thanks for the blessings that have crowned another day, and to implore thy fatherly protection during the coming night. We approach thy throne, O God, deeply sensible of our great unworthiness and numerous infirmities, yet pleading the merits of our merciful Redeemer, who was delivered for our offences, rose for our justification and now sitteth at the right hand of God the Father to make intercession for us.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee that he may be to us the end of the law for righteousness; and that we may be ever found in him, not having on our own righteousness, which is of the law and is but as filthy rags, but that righteousness which is of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And as we live by him and in him, grant us grace, O Lord, we entreat thee, that we may live like him and follow in his blessed footsteps.

In all our temporal engagements, our Father and God, may thy wisdom guide us and thy grace control us, and while we are diligent in business, carefully improving our time and talents, may we be fervent in spirit, loving and serving thee. In all our intercourse with others teach us to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly before our God; that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

Lord, bless our country; may our rulers and all in authority over us be men fearing God and working righteousness, and may the people be distinguished for their love of righteousness, which exalteth a nation, and their abhorrence of sin, which is a reproach to any people. Hear, O Lord, not for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

PATIENCE.

Fourth Thursday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 99. L. M.

Sabaoth.

SAINTS, at your heavenly Father's word,
Give up your comforts to the Lord;
He will restore what you resign,
Or grant you blessings more divine.

So Abra'am, with obedient hand,
Led forth his son at God's command;
The wood, the fire, the knife he took,
His arm prepar'd the dreadful stroke.

"Abra'am, forbear," the angel cried,
"Thy faith is known, thy love is tried,
Thy son shall live, and in thy seed
Shall the whole earth be blessed indeed."

Just in the last distressing hour
The Lord displays deliv'ring power;
The mount of danger is the place
Where we shall see surprising grace.

HYMN 100. C. M.

Bolton.

O LORD, my best desire fulfill,
And help me to resign
Life, health and comfort to thy will,
And make thy pleasure mine.

Why should I shrink at thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears?
Or tremble at thy gracious hand,
That wipes away my tears?

No, let me rather freely yield
What most I prize to thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
Or wilt withhold from me.

Wisdom and mercy guide my way,
Shall I resist them both?
A poor blind creature of a day,
And crush'd before the moth?

Teacher. Be patient toward all men, see that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. 1 Thess. v. 14, 15.

Scholars. Do all things without murmurings and disputings. Phil. ii. 14.

T. Be ye also patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James v. 8.

S. We glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. Rom. v. 3–5.

T. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

S. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer. Rom. xii. 12.

T. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him, fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Ps. xxxvii. 7.

S. I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. Ps. xl. 1.

T. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. 2 Thess. iii. 5.

S. If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Rom. viii. 25.

T. To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. ii. 7.

S. Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Rom. xv. 4.

T. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. James v. 11.

S. If when we do well and suffer for it, we take it patiently, this is acceptable to God; for even hereunto were we called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps. 1 Pet. ii. 20, 21.

T. Abraham, after he had patiently endured, obtained the promise. Heb. vi. 15.

S. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Eccles. vii. 8.

T. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. 1 Thess. i. 2, 3.

PRAYER.

WITH humility and reverence, O God, our heavenly Father, we would present to thee the tribute of our thanks for thy continued care over us, and thy unmerited mercies toward us. To thee, our Father and God, we owe our life, our health, and our reason, our food and raiment, and all the comforts and privileges, both individual and social, which we enjoy. Thou crownest our lives with loving-kindness and tender mercy, for which we would praise and magnify thine excellent name.

We thank thee that thy watchful providence sustained us during the hours of repose, that thou didst refresh our bodies with healthful sleep, and hast prolonged our lives to see the light of another morning. Spread over us, we entreat thee, this day the wings of thine almighty power, and lead us in the way everlasting. Spirit of grace, descend and take entire possession of our hearts, and consecrate our minds and our bodies, our faculties and affections, our time and our talents, to the service of our God and Saviour.

Sovereign Disposer of events! our times are in thy hand: we would commit all that we have and are to thine unerring wisdom and boundless benevolence. Amid the chances and changes of this mortal life, give us grace not only to do but to suffer thy will. In all the trials through which we may be called to pass, may we be comforted by the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee;" and may patience have its perfect work in our hearts, that they be not disquieted by anxious fears nor indulge in fretful complainings, but in all acquiesce in thy divine will.

In sickness, in bereavement, in crosses, in provocations and persecutions may we endure, as seeing Him who is invisible; and glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

TEMPERANCE.

Fourth Thursday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 101. P. M.

Smyrna.

JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be;
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known,
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Soul, then know thy full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear;
Think what spirit dwells within thee;
Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer:
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days:
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

HYMN 102. P. M.

Ashton.

THIS slumber from my spirit shake;
Warn'd by the Spirit's inward call,
Let me to righteousness awake,
And pray that I may never fall;
Or give to sin or Satan place,
But walk in all thy righteous ways.

Oh wouldst thou, Lord, thy servant guard
'Gainst every known or secret foe;
A mind for all assaults prepared,
A sober vigilance bestow;
Ever apprised of danger nigh,
And when to fight and when to fly.

Oh never suffer me to sleep
Secure within the verge of hell;
But still my watchful spirit keep
In lowly awe and loving zeal;
And bless me with a godly fear,
And plant that guardian angel here.

Attended by that sacred dread,
And wise from evil to depart,
Let me from strength to strength proceed,
And rise to purity of heart:
Through all the paths of duty move,
From humble faith to perfect love.

Teacher. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge. 2 Pet. i. 5.

Scholars. And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. 2 Pet. i. 6, 7.

T. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Gal. v. 16, 17.

S. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal. v. 22, 23.

T. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom. vi. 12.

S. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world. Tit. ii. 11, 12.

T. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Tit. ii. 13.

S. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Tit. ii. 14.

T. Know ye not, that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. ix. 24.

S. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 1 Cor. ix. 25.

T. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. i. 13.

S. As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance. 1 Pet. i. 14.

T. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24, 25.

PRAYER.

Blessed and eternal Father and God, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, with emotions of gratitude and love we would offer our evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and prayer unto thee, through the merits and mediation of thy Son, our Saviour. We thank thee for thy paternal protection this day, and for the mercies and comforts with which we have been favored. Be pleased to guard us during the defenceless hours of repose, and defend us from all injury and harm.

Sinners by nature, and far removed from thee by wicked works, we thank thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead us in the way of life—that the grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Give us, Almighty Father, to see that the wages of sin is death; that if we live after the flesh, we shall die; but if through the Spirit we mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live. Forbid that sin should ever reign in our mortal bodies, and grant that, justified by faith in the Son of God, we may be sanctified by the Spirit, and crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts, and bring forth to thy honor and glory the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Make us, we entreat thee, temperate in all things—in our views and purposes of life; in our wishes and desires; in our amusements and pleasures; restrain us from all sinful indulgences of appetite or passion; and grant that whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we may do all to the glory of God. And unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, etc.

HUMILITY.

Fourth Friday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 103. L. M.

Humility.

WHEREFORE should man, frail child [of clay,
Who, from the cradle to the shroud,
Lives but the insect of a day—
Oh why should mortal man be proud?

His brightest visions just appear,
Then vanish, and no more are found;
The stateliest pile his pride can rear
A breath may level with the ground.

Follies and crimes, a countless sum,
Are crowded in life's little span:
How ill, alas! does pride become
That erring, guilty creature, man!

God of my life! Father divine!
Give me a meek and lowly mind;
In modest worth, oh let me shine,
And peace in humble virtue find.

HYMN 104. L. M.

Jura.

THUS saith the high and lofty One,
My name is God; I dwell on high;
Dwell in my own eternity.

"But I descend to worlds below;
On earth I have a mansion, too:
The humble spirit and contrite
Is an abode of my delight.

"The humble soul my words revive:
I bid the mourning sinner live;
Heal all the broken hearts I find,
And ease the sorrows of the mind."

Oh may thy pard'ning grace be nigh,
Lest we should faint, despair and die?
Thus shall our better tho'ts approve
The methods of thy chast'ning love.

Teacher. I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. xii. 3.

Scholars. Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him; or the son of man that thou makest account of him? Ps. cxliv. 3.

T. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? Ps. viii. 4.

S. Far better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither, than that thou shouldst be put lower. Prov. xxv. 7.

T. Submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Eph. v. 21.

S. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa. lvii. 15.

T. What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Mic. vi. 8.

S. God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. James iv. 6.

T. Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly. Ps. cxxxviii. 6.

S. Better is it to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoils with the proud. Prov. xvi. 19.

T. By humility and the fear of the Lord, are riches and honor and life. Prov. xxii. 4.

S. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 3.

T. The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke xviii. 18.

S. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Because thy heart was tender and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, and hast rent thy clothes and wept before me, I also have heard thee. 2 Kings xxii. 19.

T. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James iv. 10.

S. Whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself, shall be exalted. Matt. xxiii. 12.

T. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Ps. xxxix. 4.

S. O Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble, thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear. Ps. x. 17.

PRAYER.

O THOU infinite and glorious Jehovah, who art the King eternal, immortal and invisible, the only wise God; when we consider thy majesty and glory, we are forced to exclaim, "Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man, that thou deignest to visit him?" We bless and magnify thine excellent name, that thy boundless glory does not render thee indifferent to the creatures thou hast formed; that although thou art the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, thou hast said, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

As the beginning of all sin was pride, so the beginning of all virtue must be humility. Set, therefore, O Lord, before our eyes, the fear of thee, that we may hate evil, pride, arrogancy, the evil way and the froward mouth. Prepare our hearts, O God, that in humility and self-abasement we may approach thy throne. We would come as the Prodigal, and acknowledge our unworthiness: Father, we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children; make us as thy hired servants. We would come as the Publican, and acknowledge our sinfulness: God be merciful to us sinners. Cleanse us from the guilt of sin, and create us anew in righteousness and true holiness.

Blessed Jesus! do thou teach us humility. May we learn of thee who art meek and lowly in heart. Divest us of pride, clothe us with humility, eradicate every root of bitterness from our breasts, and let the peace of God, which passeth understanding, rule in our hearts and regulate our lives.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the light of this day; prepare our hearts for its duties; bless us in our studies, and prosper all our labors; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

MEEKNESS.

Fourth Friday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 105. L. M.

El Paran.

THOU Lamb of God, thou Prince of peace,
For thee my thirsty soul doth pine;
My longing heart implores thy grace;
Oh make me in thy likeness shine.

With fraudless, even humble mind,
Thy will in all things may I see;
In love be every wish resign'd,
And hallow'd my whole heart to thee.

When pain o'er my weak flesh prevails,
With lamb-like patience arm my breast;
When grief my wounded soul assails,
In lowly meekness may I rest.

Close by thy side still may I keep,
Howe'er life's various current flow;
With steadfast eye mark every step,
And follow where my Lord doth go.

HYMN 106. L. M.

Gratitude.

NOT diff'rent food, nor diff'rent dress
But peace and joy and righteousness,
Faith and obedience to his word.

When weaker Christians we despise,
We do the gospel mighty wrong;
For God, the gracious and the wise,
Receives the feeble with the strong.

Let pride and wrath be banish'd hence,
Meekness and love our souls pursue:
Nor shall our patience give offence
To saints, the Gentile, or the Jew.

Then we who own one Father here,
And walk in meekness and in love,
Shall 'round his board in heaven appear,
And form one family above.

Teacher. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Pet. ii. 4.

Scholars. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. cxlix. 4.

T. The Lord lifteth up the meek, he casteth the wicked down to the ground. Ps. cxlvii. 6.

S. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. Isa. xi. 4.

T. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. v. 5.

S. But yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Ps. xxxvii. 10.

T. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; in meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves. 2 Tim. ii. 25.

S. The meek he will guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way. Ps. xxv. 9.

T. Who is a wise man; and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. James iii. 13.

S. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James iii. 18.

T. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness, it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. Zeph. ii. 3.

S. If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness. Gal. vi. 1.

T. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men. Tit. iii. 1, 2.

S. With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. iv. 2, 3.

T. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another; if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. iii. 12, 13.

S. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. v. 22 23.

PRAYER.

Our Father in heaven, we would encompass the throne of grace this evening, and render unto thee our grateful tribute of praise for the goodness and mercy that have crowned this day. Continue, we beseech thee, thy gracious protection through the night, and grant us quiet and repose, to refresh our bodies and fit them for the duties of the coming morrow.

Bless, we entreat thee, the labors of the day in which we have been engaged, and forgive the imperfections of the same. We have passed through another period of probation, and are a day nearer to our graves and to thy judgment-bar. May the rapid flight of time teach us the measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are; may we be careful to improve each passing moment; and whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither we are going.

God of benevolence and purity, look upon us with compassion, and blot out our sins; create within us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may pursue whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report. Subdue within our hearts the selfishness of our nature, and those angry passions which are injurious to the soul and offensive to God, and may our hearts be filled, O Lord, with love to thee and to each other.

May the same mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus, who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously. May we learn of him to be meek and lowly of heart, that we may find rest to our souls, and put on, as the elect of God, bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another and forgiving one another, even as Christ forgave us. Hear and answer for the Redeemer's sake. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

BROTHERLY KINDNESS.

Fourth Saturday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 107. C. M.

Unity.

LO, what an entertaining sight
Are brethren who agree!—
Brethren, whose cheerful hearts unite
In bands of piety!

When streams of love, from Christ the [spring,
Descend to ev'ry soul,
And heavenly peace, with balmy wing,
Shades and bedews the whole:

'Tis like the oil, divinely sweet,
On Aaron's rev'rend head;
The trickling drops perfum'd his feet,
And o'er his garments spread.

'Tis pleasant as the morning dews
That fall on Zion's hill,
Where God his mildest glory shows,
And makes his grace distill.

HYMN 108. P. M.

Mozart.

ONE there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free and knows no end.

Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But this Saviour died to have us
Reconciled in him to God.

When he lived on earth abased,
Friend of sinners was his name;
Now above all glory raised,
He rejoices in the same.

Oh for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above.

Teacher. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Ps. cxxxiii. 1.

Scholars. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. Ps. cxxxiii. 2.

T. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Ps. cxxxiii. 3.

S. A man that hath friends, must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Prov. xviii. 2.

T. Be kindly-affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer, distributing to the necessity of saints. Rom. xii. 10, 12, 13.

S. This commandment have we from God, that he who loveth God, love his brother also. 1 John iv. 21.

T. The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you. 1 Thess. iii. 12.

S. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. 1 John iii. 14.

T. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? 1 John iv. 20.

S. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1 John ii. 10, 11.

T. Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. iv. 32.

S. God comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble. 2 Cor. i. 4.

T. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. vi. 2.

S. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Rom. xv. 1.

T. Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. Rom. xiv. 10.

S. Let us not therefore judge one another any more. Rom. xiv. 13.

T. Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Pet. i. 5, 6, 7.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, we adore thee as our God and Father in Christ; it is in thee we live and move and have our being. We thank thee, thou Creator and Preserver of men, that thy providence is still over us: we have lain down and slept, and have risen up again, because thou hast sustained us. We thank thee for the light of this day; we thank thee for life this day; we thank thee for health and for the exercise of reason and all our faculties of mind and body.

Reanimated, this morning, with the vigor of a renewed life, we would dedicate to thee, this day, our souls and our bodies, which is our reasonable service. Cleanse our hearts, O Lord, from all sin, and eradicate from them all uncharitable and unsocial feelings. May sentiments of benevolence and kindness control our thoughts, words and actions; may all haughtiness, pride and malice be cast down, and humility, mercy and love reign supreme in our hearts, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

Give us an increasing attachment to thy Church and people. May we love the spirit they breathe, the language they speak, the pursuits they follow and the graces with which they are adorned; and may we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. And grant, O Lord, that, while we have an especial regard for those who are united to us by the ties of nature and of grace, we may cherish feelings of benevolence to the whole human family, and may look upon the earth itself as one neighborhood, and its various races as the great brotherhood of man. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHARITY.

Fourth Saturday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 109. C. M.

Tallis.

O CHARITY, thou heavenly grace!
All tender, soft and kind!
A friend to all the human race,
To all that's good inclined!

The man of charity extends
To all his lib'ral hand;
His kindred, neighbors, foes and friends
His pity may command.

He aids the poor in their distress;
He hears when they complain;
With tender heart delights to bless,
And lessen all their pain.

The sick, the pris'ner, poor and blind,
And all the sons of grief,
In him a benefactor find—
He loves to give relief.

'Tis love that makes religion sweet;
'Tis love that makes us rise,
With willing minds and ardent feet,
To yonder happy skies.

Then let us all in love abound,
And charity pursue;
Thus shall we be with glory crown'd,
And love as angels do.

HYMN 110 P. M.

Acton.

JESUS, Lord, we look to thee,
Let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of peace;
Bid our jars for ever cease.

By thy reconciling love
Every stumbling-block remove;
Each to each unite, endear;
Come, and spread thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind—
Courteous, pitiful and kind:
Lowly, meek in thought and word—
Altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care;
Each the other's burdens bear:
To thy Church the pattern give;
Show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride,
Let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express,
All the heights of holiness.

Let us then with joy remove
To the family above;
On the wings of angels fly:
Show how true believers die.

Teacher. Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. iv. 12.

Scholars. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. 1 Tim. i. 5.

T. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Pet. iv. 8.

S. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Cor. xiii. 1.

T. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 1 Cor. xiii. 2.

S. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 1 Cor. xiii. 3.

T. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. 1 Cor. xiii. 4.

S. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. 1 Cor. xiii. 5.

T. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. 1 Cor. xiii. 6.

S. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Cor. xiii. 7.

T. Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 1 Cor. xiii. 8.

S. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 1 Cor. xiii. 9, 10.

T. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

S. Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 1 Cor. xiv. 1.

T. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Col. iii. 14.

S. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col. iii. 5.

T. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. iii. 16.

PRAYER.

In thy great mercy, O Lord our God, we have been permitted to pass through the labors and cares of another day. Thou hast blessed our going out and our coming in, and preserved us from all evil. We adore and praise thy name that we are again permitted to encompass thy holy altar before we retire to rest. In our approaches to thee give us the sincerity of unfeigned devotion, that we may wait upon thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear, and worship thee in spirit and in truth.

We come before thy throne under a sense of our unworthiness; cast us not away from thy presence, but look upon us in the face of thine Anointed. We come under a sense of our sinfulness; blot out our transgressions, heal all our backslidings, receive us graciously and love us freely. Purify our hearts by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and enrich them with all spiritual graces. Give us faith, without which it is impossible to please thee; and may we add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.

May the love of Christ constrain us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and may we ever practice that charity which is the bond of perfectness and the end of the commandment, out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. May this grace ever preserve us from impatience, ill-will, envy, pride and censoriousness in our intercourse with others, and fill our hearts with sympathy and benevolence to our relatives and friends, to the Church and the whole family of man, that we may be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

THE HOUSE OF GOD.

Fifth Sunday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 111. P. M.

Plummer.

LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair,
The dwellings of thy love,
Thy earthly temples are!
To thine abode my heart aspires;
With warm desires to see my God.

O happy souls, who pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men, who pay
Their constant service there!
They praise thee still; and happy they
Who love the way to Zion's hill.

They go from strength to strength
Through this dark vale of tears;
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears.
Oh glorious seat, when God our King
Shall thither bring our willing feet!

HYMN 112. C. M.

Jerusalem.

HOW did my heart rejoice to hear
My friends devoutly say,
"In Zion let us all appear
And keep the solemn day!"

I love her gates, I love the road!
The Church, adorn'd with grace,
Stands like a palace built for God
To show his milder face.

Peace be within this sacred place,
And joy a constant guest!
With holy gifts and heavenly grace
Be her attendants blest.

My soul shall pray for Zion still
While life or breath remains;
Here my best friends, my kindred dwell,
Here God my Saviour reigns.

Teacher. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! Ps. lxxiv. 1.

Scholars. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Ps. lxxiv. 2.

T. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Ps. lxxxiv. 4.

S. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. Ps. xxvi. 8.

T. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy

name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. Ps. cxxxviii. 2.

S. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. Ps. xxvii. 4.

T. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Ps. xxvii. 5.

S. And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Ps. xxvii. 6.

T. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they consider not that they do evil. Eccles. v. 1.

S. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house; he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. Ps. ci. 7.

T. Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not. Gen. xxviii. 16.

S. When I remember these things I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy days. Ps. xlii. 4.

T. Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Jer. vii. 2, 3.

S. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Ps. lxii. 4

T. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Ps. xci. 1.

S. To thee, O my strength, will I sing. Ps. lix. 17.

PRAYER.

GREAT and glorious Jehovah, how inconceivable is thy majesty! Heaven is thy throne and earth is thy footstool; no temple built with hands is worthy of thee, O God. Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, for thou pervadest and fillest immensity. We praise thine infinite condescension that thou deignest to honor with thy presence the house of prayer—the sanctuary where congregations assemble, and the abodes where pious families reside, and dost dwell with him who is of a contrite spirit and humble heart.

Lord, may we ever love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth; when within its hallowed precincts may heart and lip be awed into reverence, and may we realize the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. As thou hast brought us to behold the light of the Sabbath, prepare us for the discharge of its duties and for spending its hours in holy communion with thee. In the public exercises of the sanctuary, in social worship and the retirement of private devotion do thou inspire our hearts, that we may wait acceptably before thee and worship thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Fill with the Holy Ghost thy ministering servants, that they may be the messengers of salvation to a dying world; and grant that great energy, power and efficacy may attend the proclamations of eternal truths this day, and may its warnings arouse, its doctrines instruct, its truths direct and its promises comfort the souls of those that hear.

Bless the means employed for the enlightenment of the people and the dissemination of gospel truth—all institutions of learning, all Sabbath-schools, all Bible and missionary societies; and prepare the heathen to hail the heralds of the cross, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation!"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us, etc.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

Fifth Sunday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 113. L. M.

Stonefield.

GOD is our refuge and defence,
In trouble our unfailing aid:
Secure in his omnipotence,
What foe can make our souls afraid?

Yea, tho' the earth's foundation rock,
And mountains down the gulf be hurl'd,
His people smile amid the shock:
They look beyond this transient world.

There is a river pure and bright,
Whose streams make glad the heaven-ly plains;
Where in eternity of light
The city of our God remains.

Built by the word of his command,
With his unclouded presence blest,
Firm as his throne the bulwarks stand;
There is our home, our hope, our rest.

HYMN 114. L. M.

Raymond.

GLORY to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, oh keep me, King of kings,
Beneath the shadow of thy wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill which I this day have done;
That with the world, myself and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

Oh let my soul on thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God, when I awake.

Teacher. Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. iii. 5, 6.

Scholars. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Ps. cxviii. 9.

T. The Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Prov. iii. 26.

S. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion. Ps. lxxi. 1.

T. Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Prov. xxix. 25.

S. Thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. lxxi. 5.

T. The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

S. The God of my rock, in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower and my refuge, my Saviour. 2 Sam. xxii. 3.

T. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust. Ps. xviii. 2.

S. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Ps. lxiii. 7.

T. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. xli. 10.

S. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name. Ps. lxxix. 9.

T. I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee. Isa. xli. 13.

S. Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. iv. 16.

T. The Lord will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 1 Sam. ii. 9.

S. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked. Ps. cxl. 4.

T. Let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator. 1 Pet. iv. 19.

S. Oh keep my soul and deliver me, let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. Ps. xxv. 20.

T. Lord, who is like unto thee? which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him. Ps. xxxv. 10.

S. Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Ps. xxxii. 7.

PRAYER.

God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one Jehovah, thou art great and greatly to be praised, and to be had in reverence of all thy intelligent creatures. Honor and majesty are before thee; strength and beauty are in thy sanctuary. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! May we never forget the assembling of ourselves together, but may we enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise; for a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. As the hart panteth for the water-brooks, so may our hearts pant for thee, O God.

We thank thee, God of benevolence and mercy, for the Sabbath, the sanctuary and the public ordinances of thy house; for thy blessed word, and for the Holy Spirit to illustrate and enforce its truths. May we ever look upon the sanctuary as an emblem of heaven, and the Sabbath as an emblem of the rest that remaineth to the people of God; and whenever we have enjoyed their privileges may we be ready to exult with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

We return unto thee, O Lord, our grateful thanks for the privileges, mercies and comforts of the present Sabbath, with which we have been favored; for what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard and our hands have handled of the word of life. Bless them all to our spiritual advantage; and by thy word which has been proclaimed, by thy ordinances which have been dispensed, and by the influences of the Holy Ghost which have been vouchsafed, prepare our hearts for the duties and difficulties of the coming week, and of coming life, and for an endless Sabbath with thee in heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into tempation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

Fifth Monday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 115. L. M.

Sargent.

HE who hath made his refuge God,
Shall find a most secure abode;
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,
And there, at night, shall rest his head.

Then will I say, "My God, thy power
Shall be my fortress and my tower;
I, that am form'd of feeble dust,
Make thine Almighty arm my trust."

If burning beams of noon conspire
To dart a pestilential fire,
God is their life: his wings are spread
To shield them with a healthful shade.

If vapors, with malignant breath,
Rise thick and scatter midnight death,
Israel is safe: the poison'd air
Grows pure, if Israel's God be there.

HYMN 116. S. M.

Marcus.

THE Lord my Shepherd is,
I shall be well supplied,
Since he is mine and I am his,
What can I want beside?
Since he is mine and I am his,
What can I want beside?

He leads me to the place
Where heav'nly pasture grows;
Where living waters gently pass,
And full salvation flows;
Where living waters gently pass,
And full salvation flows.

If e'er I go astray,
He doth my soul reclaim;
And guides me in his own right way
For his most holy name;
And guides me in his own right way
For his most holy name.

Teacher. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Ps. cxvi. 8.

Scholars. The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long. Deut. xxxiii. 12.

T. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Ps. xci. 1.

S. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Ps. xci. 2.

T. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. Ps. xci. 3.

S. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. xci. 4.

T. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Ps. xci. 5, 6.

S. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Ps. xci. 9, 10.

T. Thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid. Job xi. 18, 19.

S. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. Ps. iv. 8.

T. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Prov. iii. 24.

S. He giveth his beloved sleep. Ps. cxxvii. 2.

T. Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Ps. cxxi. 4, 5.

S. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from henceforth even for ever. Ps. cxxv. 2.

T. Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Isa. xliii. 1.

S. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa. xliii. 2.

T. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. Isa. xliii. 3.

PRAYER.

O God! who art the confidence of the ends of the earth, and of all those who are afar off upon the sea: thou art the strength of them that confide in thee; therefore do the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Author of all being, centre of all power, source of all wisdom, fount of all goodness, we adore thee in the infinite and glorious attributes of thine exalted nature. Thou art infinite in power to protect, whom shall we fear? Thou art infinite in wisdom to guide, of what shall we be afraid? Thou art infinite in goodness to bless, for what shall we be careful? Oh enable us to trust in thee, with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding; and to acknowledge thee in all our ways, that thou mayest direct our paths.

Prepare our hearts, we pray thee, for all the events of thy providence, and give us an unwavering reliance upon thee, under every dispensation, in adversity as well as in prosperity, in sorrow as well as in rejoicing, in sickness as in health; and should the days of darkness be many, may we never think thee less wise or good under the cloud than in the sunshine, but where we cannot trace thee in the darkness may we trust; and walking by faith, and not by sight, cast not away our confidence, which hath great recompense of reward, but be able to exclaim, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Although the fig tree may not blossom, neither fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive fail, and the fields yield no meat; the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, and joy in the God of my salvation."

We bless thee, heavenly Father, that He that keepeth Israel doth not slumber nor sleep; and that we have lain down in peace and slept, and risen up again, because thou, Lord, only makest us to dwell in safety. Lead us this day in the way everlasting, and save us for Christ's sake.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

THE BEATITUDES.

Fifth Monday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 117. L. M.

Temple Street.

BLEST are the humble souls who see
Their emptiness and poverty:
Treasures of grace to them are given,
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Blest are the men of broken heart,
Who mourn for sin with inward smart;
The blood of Christ divinely flows,
A healing balm for all their woes.

Blest are the meek, who stand afar
From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,
Hunger and long for righteousness;
They shall be well supplied and fed
With living streams and living bread.

Blest are the men whose bowels move
And melt with sympathy and love;
From Christ, the Lord, shall they obtain
Like sympathy and love again.

Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean
From the defiling power of sin;
With endless pleasure, they shall see
A God of spotless purity.

Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife;
They shall be call'd the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God, the God of peace.

Blest are the suff'rers, who partake
Of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord;
Glory and joy are their reward.

Teacher. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 3.

Scholars. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matt. v. 4.

T. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. v. 5.

S. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matt. v. 6.

T. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy Matt. v. 7.

S. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt. v. 8.

T. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. v. 9.

S. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 10.

T. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Matt. v. 11.

S. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Matt. v. 12.

T. Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord. Ps. cxix. 1.

S. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Ps. cxix. 2, 3.

T. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. Ps. lxxxix. 15.

S. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. Ps. lxxxix. 16.

T. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. Prov. viii. 34, 35.

S. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Ps. lxxxiv. 4.

T. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Rom. iv. 8.

S. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Rom. ix. 7.

T. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee. For the Lord is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. lxxxiv. 5, 11.

S. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James i. 12.

T. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Ps. xxxiii. 12.

PRAYER.

We adore thee, our Father and God, as a God of boundless benevolence and mercy. Thou art the Father of mercies, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank thee for the enjoyment of all the temporal and spiritual blessings with which we have been favored during the day now drawing to a close. Thy protection has been over us; thou hast blessed our going out and our coming in; thou hast ministered to our wants, and we are permitted again to supplicate a Throne of grace. Thou hast been our sun this day; be our shield through the night, and preserve us to behold the light of thy holy day, and to enter upon its duties.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the words of counsel and of comfort which we have just read—that although our ears were not permitted to listen to the living voice of Him that spake as never man spake, our eyes are privileged to read the gracious truths that fell from his lips. Oh may the graces he commends be our ornament and the blessings he utters be our inheritance. Deliver us, O God, from pride and make us poor in spirit, that we may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Amid the sorrows of life be thou our joy and crown of rejoicing. Deliver us from all uncharitableness, and make us meek and lowly of heart. May our souls hunger for the bread of life, and thirst for the waters of salvation, that they may be filled. Make us merciful and kind, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Make us pure in heart, that we may see God by faith upon earth and behold his face in heaven. Make us the friends and followers of peace, that we may feel how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. And amid the afflictions and persecutions of earth may we look forward to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us, etc.

BLESSINGS UPON FAMILIES.

Fifth Tuesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 118. C. M.

Florence.

OH happy man, whose soul is fill'd
With zeal and rev'rend awe!
His lips to God their honors yield,
His life adorns the law.

A careful Providence will stand,
And ever guard thy head—
Will on the labors of thy hand
Its kindly blessings shed.

Thy wife shall be a fruitful vine;
Thy children round thy board
Each like a plant of honor shine,
And learn to fear the Lord.

The Lord will thy best hopes fulfill,
For months and years to come;
The Lord, who dwells on Zion's hill,
Will send the blessings home.

HYMN 119. L. M.

South Street.

FATHER of men, thy care we bless,
Which crown our families with peace,
From thee they sprung, and by thy hand
Their root and branches are sustain'd.

To God, most worthy to be prais'd,
Be our domestic altars rais'd;
Who, Lord of heaven, scorns not to dwell
With saints in their obscurest cell.

To thee may each united house,
Morning and night, present its vows;
Our servants here, and rising race,
Be taught thy precepts and thy grace.

Oh may each future age proclaim
The honors of thy glorious name;
While, pleas'd and thankful, we remove
To join the family above.

Teacher. The house of the righteous shall stand. Prov. xii. 7.

Scholars. The tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. Prov. xiv. 11.

T. He blesseth the habitation of the just. Prov. iii. 33.

S. Thou shalt know also that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation and shall not sin. Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. Job v. 24, 25, 26.

T. If thou wert pure and upright, surely now he would

awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. Though thy beginning were small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. Job viii. 6, 7.

S. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children, like olive-plants round about thy table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Ps. cxxviii. 3, 4.

T. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. Ps. cxxviii. 5, 6.

S. I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Jer. xxxi. 1.

T. And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. xxx. 22.

S. Thou shalt keep the statutes, that it may go well with thee, and thy children after thee. Deut. v. 29.

T. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them. Jer. xxxii. 39.

S. The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him. Prov. xx. 7.

T. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Ps. cxii. 2.

S. A good man leaveth an inheritance unto his children's children; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. Prov. xiii. 22.

T. The seed of the righteous shall be delivered. Prov. xi. 21.

S. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge. Prov. xiv. 26.

T. The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. Ps. cii. 28.

S. I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is merciful and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Ps. xxxvii. 25, 26.

PRAYER.

O God, thou art the God of all the families of the earth, for thy power has created them, and thy providence sustained them. But thou art especially the God of the families that reverence thy name and keep thy commandments. Thy curse is in the house of the wicked, but thou blessest the habitation of the just. Father Almighty, we come to thee in the name of Him in whom all the families of the earth shall be blessed. God of the families of Israel! thou art our God, we will praise thee; thou art our fathers' God, we will exalt thine excellent name. Look mercifully upon us, we beseech thee, this morning, and bless us with the favor with which thou regardest thy people.

Bless all the families with which we are connected. Give grace to the heads of them respectively to teach and govern their offspring, and to lay upon them all wise, necessary and salutary restraints, and to commend, by the examples of their lives, as well as by precept, the gospel of Christ. May their children become thy children, their friends thy friends, their servants thy servants; and may they be families saved by the Lord, and working righteousness before thee. Give them thy favor which is life, and thy loving-kindness which is better than life. Grant them, we beseech thee, the temporal blessings which are necessary for their sustenance and comfort in this life; but especially bestow upon them those spiritual blessings which will enrich the soul when all earthly comforts shall fail and pass away.

Shepherd of Israel, who carriest in thine arms the lambs of the flock, have in thy holy keeping those who in the days of their youth have remembered thee their Creator, and have turned their feet unto thy testimonies. Direct them by thy wisdom, defend them by thy power, and adorn them by thy grace; that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE.

Fifth Tuesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 120. L. M.

Warefield.

BEHOLD the Christian warrior stand
In all the armor of his God;
The Spirit's sword is in his hand,
His feet are with the gospel shod;

In panoply of truth complete,
Salvation's helmet on his head;
With righteousness a breastplate meet,
And faith's broad shield before him [spread;
Undaunted to the field he goes;
Yet vain were skill and valor there,
Unless, to foil his legion foes,
He takes the trusted weapon, prayer.

Thus, strong in his Redeemer's strength,
Sin, death and hell he tramples down;
Fights the good fight, and wins at length,
Through mercy, an immortal crown.

HYMN 121. S. M.

Laban.

MY soul be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

Oh watch and fight and pray,
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day
And help divine implore.

Ne'er think the vict'ry won,
Nor lay thine armor down:
The work of faith will not be done
'Till thou obtain the crown.

Then persevere till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee, at thy parting [breath,
To his divine abode.

Teacher. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. vi. 11.

Scholars. Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. 2 Cor. x. 4.

T. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. vi. 12.

S. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. vi. 13.

T. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Eph. vi. 14, 15.

S. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. vi. 16.

T. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. vi. 17, 18.

S. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. 1 Cor. ix. 25, 26.

T. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Tim. ii. 3, 4.

S. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 2 Tim. ii. 5.

T. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Cor. xvi. 13.

S. With him is an arm of flesh: but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. 2 Chron. xxxii. 8.

T. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1 Tim. vi. 11.

S. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim. vi. 12.

T. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

S. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. xv. 57.

PRAYER.

We adore thee, O Lord, as the God of hosts; we reverence thee, blessed Jesus, as the Captain of our salvation. Thou art able to destroy all our enemies, and willing to give us grace to conquer all our spiritual foes. We would not go forth in our own strength; our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Teach us ever to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. May our hearts be assured by the promise, "Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

In an enemy's land, surrounded with danger, may we put on the whole armor of God; and stand, having our loins girt with truth; having on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked—taking the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.

Teach our hands, O Lord, to war, and our fingers to fight; and though we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places, may we never be discouraged; but in the prospect of combat and in the heat of action make our hearts strong, and bring us off more than conquerors, through Him that hath loved us and given himself for us.

Fit us for the duties and conflicts of coming life, and when our warfare is ended, may we triumph with the apostle: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Father, etc.

EARLY PIETY.

Fifth Wednesday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 122. L. M.

Alfreton.

NOW in the heat of youthful blood
Remember your Creator, God;
Behold the months come hast'ning on,
When you shall say, My joys are gone.

Behold, the aged sinner goes,
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,
Down to the regions of the dead,
With endless curses on his head.

The dust returns to dust again;
The soul, in agonies of pain,
Ascends to God; not there to dwell—
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.

Eternal King, I fear thy name!
Teach me to know how frail I am;
And when my soul must hence remove,
Give me a mansion in thy love.

HYMN 123. S. M.

Desire.

SHALL Wisdom cry aloud,
And not her speech be heard?
The voice of God's eternal Word,
Deserves it no regard?

"I was his chief delight,
His everlasting Son,
Before the first of all his works—
Creation—was begun.

"My busy thoughts at first
On their salvation ran,
Ere sin was born, or Adam's dust
Was fashion'd to a man.

"Then come, receive my grace,
Ye children, and be wise;
Happy the man who keeps my ways;
The man, who shuns them, dies."

Teacher. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Eccles. xii. 1.

Scholars. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. Eccles. xii. 2.

T. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves; and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened. Eccles. xii. 3.

S. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the

sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low. Eccles. xii. 4.

T. Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. Eccles. xii. 5.

S. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Eccles. xii. 6, 7.

T. Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? Prov. viii. 1.

S. She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. Prov. viii. 2.

T. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov. viii. 3, 17.

S. Jesus said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark x. 14, 15.

T. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. Mark x. 16.

S. Little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 1 John iii. 18.

T. That ye may be children of your Father which is in heaven. Matt. v. 45.

S. And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Jesus Christ. Rom. viii. 17.

T. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend unto the words of my mouth. Prov. vii. 24.

S. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee. Ps. lxiii. 1.

PRAYER.

God of benevolence and mercy, we thank thee for the blessings which we enjoy this morning. May our daily mercies be acknowledged by daily thanksgivings and the discharge of daily duties. As we know that we have no strength of our own, grant us thy divine aid, O God, that we may run and not be weary, and walk and not be faint, in the path of duty.

Bless us, Lord, we beseech thee, who are now in thy presence, and all the families with which we are connected, and grant that the dwelling of each may become the home of piety and peace. Give parents grace and wisdom to go in and out before their children, and to train them up in the way they should go, that, when they are old, they may not depart from it. May they teach thy words diligently to them, and talk of thy statutes when they sit down in their houses and when they walk by the way; when they lie down and when they rise up.

Give to the young that wisdom which is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Fill the hearts of the rising race everywhere with the amiable graces of the Spirit, and may they find it good to bear the yoke in their youth. May children honor their father and their mother, that their days may be long upon the earth; and may they hear the instruction of their father, and forsake not the law of their mother. May brothers and sisters observe the obligations of kindness and mutual forbearance, and may all the ties of the domestic relation be purified and cemented by the friendship of Him that sticketh closer than a brother; until the domestic circle shall embrace all that is pure and amiable and lovely, and prove not only the cradle of the house of faith upon earth, but the nursery of the brotherhood of glory in heaven. Hear and answer for the Redeemer's sake. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

UNBELIEF.

Fifth Wednesday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 124. C. M.

Hammond.

HOW sad our state by nature is!
Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive souls
Fast in his slavish chains.

But there's a voice of sov'reign grace
Sounds from the sacred word:
Ho! ye despairing sinners, come
And trust a faithful Lord.

My soul obeys the gracious call,
And runs to its relief;
I would believe thy promise, Lord:
Oh help my unbelief!

To the blest fountain of thy blood,
Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my guilty soul
From crimes of deepest dye.

HYMN 125. L. M.

Dudley.

LIFE and immortal joys are given
To souls that mourn the sins they've done;
Children of wrath, made heirs of heaven
By faith in God's eternal Son.

Woe to the wretch who never felt
The inward pangs of pious grief;
But adds to all his crying guilt
The stubborn sin of unbelief.

The law condemns the rebel dead;
Under the wrath of God he lies:
He seals the curse on his own head,
And with a double vengeance dies.

Then turn to God with tears and shame,
In penitence your sins confess
Believing on the Saviour's name
With willing heart of righteousness.

Teacher. The Lord said, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? Num. xiv. 11.

Scholars. The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. Num. xx. 12.

T. The children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the Lord their God; they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God. 2 Kings xvii. 9, 14.

S. Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel; and the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 2 Kings xvii. 18, 20.

T. We which have believed do enter into rest; and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief. Heb. iv. 3, 6.

S. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Heb. iv. 11.

T. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Heb. iii. 12.

S. We are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. x. 39.

T. The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not. 2 Cor. iv. 4.

S. They received not the love of truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thess. ii. 10.

T. For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. 2 Thess. ii. 11.

S. That they all might be damned, who believed not the truth; but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thess. ii. 12.

T. Unto them that are defiled and unbelieving, is nothing pure: but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Tit. i. 15.

S. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Matt. xiii. 15.

T. He that believeth not, is condemned already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. John iii. 18.

S. He that believeth not, shall be damned. Mark xvi. 16.

PRAYER.

Holy Spirit of Grace! under a consciousness of our unworthiness, and in humble dependence upon thy promised aid, we desire this evening to encompass the mercy-seat of the Lord our God. In our approaches to the Divine Majesty, give us, we pray thee, faith in God, that we may believe, not only that he is, but that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Give us faith to receive the testimony which he has given of his Son, that we may believe in the Son even as we believe in the Father. Give us faith to believe in the Holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son, that we may confide in him as the Lord and Giver of life, the Counselor and Comforter of our souls, and the Guardian and Guide of our lives, who shall lead us into all truth. Give us faith in thy word revealed in the Scriptures. May we see the divine perfections shining through every page, and recognizing them as the lively oracles of God, may we make them the man of our counsel and the rule of our lives.

Have mercy upon unbelievers. Fill their minds with just apprehensions about their future state. Convince them that they who believe not on the Son of God are condemned already, and that the wrath of God abideth upon them. Oh that they may turn from their refuge of lies, and from their foundation of sand, and build upon the rock Christ Jesus, as the only foundation of the faith and hopes of his people!

Forbid that there should be in any of us an evil heart of unbelief, but give us a lively faith in the love and mercy of the Father, in the righteousness and graces of the Son and the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth the fruits of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF THE TONGUE.

Fifth Thursday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 126. C. M.

Albert.

THUS I resolv'd before the Lord,
"Now will I watch my tongue,
Lest I let slip one sinful word,
Or do my neighbor wrong."

If I am e'er constrain'd to stay
With men of lives profane,
I'll set a double guard that day,
Nor let my talk be vain.

I'll scarce allow my lips to speak
The pious thoughts I feel,
Lest scoffers should the occasion take
To mock my holy zeal.

Yet if some proper hour appear,
I'll not be overaw'd,
But let the scoffing sinners hear
That I can speak for God.

HYMN 127. C. M.

Hanover.

AND must I be to judgment brought,
And answer in that day
For every vain and idle thought,
And every word I say!

Yes, every secret of my heart
Shall shortly be made known,
And I receive my just desert
For all that I have done.

How careful then ought I to live,
With what religious fear,
Who such a strict account must give
For my behavior here!

Thou awful Judge of quick and dead,
The watchful power bestow:
So shall I to my ways take heed—
To all I speak or do.

Teacher. The tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. It defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. James iii. 5, 6.

Scholars. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father, and therewith curse we men, which are made in the similitude of God. James iii. 8, 9.

T. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. James i. 26.

S. Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles. Prov. xxi. 23.

T. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction. Prov. xiii. 3.

S. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin, but he that refraineth his lips is wise. Prov. x. 19.

T. Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Matt. xii. 36.

S. A tale-bearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. Prov. xi. 13.

T. The words of a tale-bearer are as wounds; and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. Prov. xviii. 8.

S. Where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth: but a whisperer separateth chief friends. Prov. xxvi. 20; xvi. 28.

T. He that uttereth a slander is a fool. Prov. x. 18.

S. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off. Ps. ci. 5.

T. A man that flattereth his neighbor, spreadeth a net for his feet. Prov. xxix. 5.

S. Meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. Prov. xx. 19.

T. He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. Job xvii. 5.

S. Let me not accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. Job xxxii. 21.

T. Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people. Ex. xxii. 28.

S. Neither thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. vi. 10.

T. Keep not company with a railer. 1 Cor. v. 11.

S. Love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous, not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing. 1 Pet. iii. 9.

T. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Eph. iv. 29.

PRAYER.

On the morning of a new day we desire to draw nigh to thee, our Father and God; and as the preparation of the heart in man, as well as the answer of the tongue, is from thee, do thou inspire our hearts with the spirit of acceptable devotion, that in humility and reverence, in faith and hope, we may wait before thee. Oh grant that we, who have assembled around the domestic altar this morning, may in like manner meet before thy throne above with the general assembly and Church of the first-born, to adore and praise thee throughout eternity.

We thank thee for the mercies and blessings of our past life. Thou hast supplied our daily bread. Oh give us the bread of life that cometh down from heaven, of which, if a man eats, he shall live for ever; and give us the living water, of which, if a man drink, he shall not thirst again. We have been clothed from thy wardrobe. Oh give us the garments of salvation, which shall cover the nakedness of our perishing souls.

Teach the young in thy presence thy fear. In the days of their youth may they remember their Creator. Deliver them from angry and malicious passions, that they may obtain the government of their temper and of their tongues, that at all times, in all places and in all circumstances they may discover the sanctifying influence of religion upon their hearts, their conversation and their lives. Preserve them from sins of the tongue. May they remember that for every idle word that men speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment, for there is not a word in our tongue, but lo, O Lord! thou knowest it. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of their mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. May they be the disciples of Him who is meek and lowly. May they live as brethren, and be pitiful and courteous, not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

DEATH.

Fifth Thursday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 128. C. M.

Perpetuity.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home!—

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
And lost in foll'wing years.

HYMN 129. L. M.

Malan.

WHY should we start, and fear to die
What tim'rous worms we mortals are
Death is the gate to endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

The pains, the groans, the dying strife,
Fright our approaching souls away,
And we shrink back again to life,
Fond of our prison and our clay.

Oh would my Lord his servant meet,
My soul would stretch her wings in haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
Nor feel the terrors as she pass'd.

Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
When on his breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

Teacher. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and is full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. Job xiv. 1, 2.

Scholars. As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. Ps. ciii. 15, 16.

T. Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee; verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Ps. xxxix. 5.

S. Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? Job vii. 1.

T. His days are determined: the number of his months are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Job xiv. 5.

S. God hath made of one blood all nations of the earth; and hath determined the times, before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. Acts xvii. 26.

T. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we flee away. Ps. xc. 10.

S. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. Job vii. 6.

T. They are passed away as the swift ships—as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. Job ix. 26.

S. When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. Job xvi. 22.

T. For what is your life? it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James iv. 14.

S. Man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? Job xiv. 10.

T. Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. Job xiv. 20.

S. One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease, and quiet: his breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. Job xxi. 23, 24.

T. And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure: they shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. Job xxi. 25, 26.

S. What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Ps. lxxxix. 48.

T. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. ix. 27.

S. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am. Ps. xxxix. 4.

PRAYER.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. But we, who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, are crushed before the moth. Thou art the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, and thy years shall have no end; but our days are as a handbreadth, and our age is as nothing before thee. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and is full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.

For what is our life? it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. Our friends and relations die; the fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? But the Lord liveth: blessed be our rock! Let the God of our salvation be exalted! Sensible of the frailty and evanescence of our mortal natures, O God most holy, O Lord most mighty, we would fly to thee for succor, and take refuge at the foot of thy throne. May the eternal God be our refuge, and underneath us be the everlasting arms. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, and may it be our chief wisdom to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

And while we feel that we are but strangers and pilgrims upon earth, as all our fathers were, may we declare plainly that we seek a city whose builder and maker is God. Give us faith in Christ to support us through life's pilgrimage, and when we have passed the wilderness and entered the dark valley, and behold the swellings of Jordan, may faith in the Redeemer enable us to sing, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us, etc.

RESURRECTION.

Fifth Friday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 130. S. M.

Backus.

IN expectation sweet
We wait and sing and pray,
Till Christ's triumphal car we meet,
And see an endless day.

He comes! the Conqu'ror comes;
Death falls beneath his sword;
The joyful pris'ners burst their tombs
And rise to meet their Lord.

The trumpet sounds—Awake!
Ye dead, to judgment come!
The pillars of creation shake,
While hell receives her doom.

Thrice happy morn for those
Who love the ways of peace,
No night of sorrow e'er shall close,
Or shade their perfect bliss.

HYMN 131. C. M.

Shepham.

WHEN, rising from the bed of death
O'erwhelmed with guilt and fear,
I view my Maker face to face,
Oh how shall I appear?

If yet, while pardon may be found
And mercy may be sought,
My soul with inward horror shrinks
And trembles at the thought,

When thou, O Lord, shalt stand dis-
In majesty severe, [closed
And sit in judgment on my soul,
Oh how shall I appear?

Oh may my broken, contrite heart
Timely my sins lament;
And early, with repentant tears,
Eternal woe prevent.

Teacher. If a man die, shall he live again? Job xiv. 14.

Scholars. I have hope toward God, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Acts xxiv. 15.

T. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? Acts xxvi. 8.

S. Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Dan. xii. 2.

T. As touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not

read, that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Matt. xxii. 31, 32.

S. I know that my Redeemer liveth; and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another, though my reins be consumed within me. Job xix. 25, 26, 27.

T. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. v. 1.

S. In this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon, with our house which is from heaven. 2 Cor. v. 2.

T. God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 1 Cor. vi. 14.

S. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Cor. xv. 22.

T. If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 1 Cor. xv. 13, 14.

S. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. xv. 20.

T. He which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 2 Cor. iv. 14.

S. Some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come. 1 Cor. xv. 35.

T. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 1 Cor. xv. 43, 44.

S. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality; so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, our heavenly Father, we adore thee for thy benevolence in our creation and thy infinite compassion and mercy in our redemption. We bless thee that, while we lay under the curse of a broken law, exposed to eternal condemnation, our Lord Jesus Christ by his sufferings and death satisfied divine justice, and by his resurrection and glorious ascension brought life and immortality to light in the gospel.

Blessed Jesus, thou art the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in thee, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in thee shall never die. Oh give us faith in thee, and raise our souls from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, that we may follow thee upon earth, and, after our sleep in dust may be deemed worthy to rise in the morning of the resurrection, when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality.

And when our years are spent as a tale that is told, when our days are past and our purposes broken off, when, in view of the winding-sheet and the narrow house appointed to all living, we shall say to corruption, Thou art my father, and to the worm, Thou art my mother and my sister, fill our hearts with faith triumphant, that we may exult in hope of the glory of God: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another, though my reins be consumed within me. O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

JUDGMENT.

Fifth Friday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 132. L. M.

Wisdom.

HE reigns — the Lord the Saviour [reigns:
Praise him in evangelic strains:
Let the whole earth in songs rejoice;
And distant islands join their voice.

Deep are his counsels and unknown;
But grace and truth support his throne:
Though gloomy clouds his ways sur- [round
Justice is their eternal ground.

In robes of judgment, lo, he comes!
Shakes the wide earth and cleaves the [tombs;
Before him burns devouring fire!
The mountains melt, the seas retire!

His enemies with sore dismay,
Fly from the sight and shun the day:
Then lift your heads, ye saints on high,
And sing, for your redemption's nigh.

HYMN 133. S. M.

Doomsday.

BEHOLD! with awful pomp [reigns:
The Judge prepares to come;
The archangel sounds the dreadful [trump
And wakes the gen'ral doom.

Nature, in wild amaze,
Her dissolution mourns;
Blushes of blood the moon deface
The sun to darkness turns.

The living look with dread;
The frighted dead arise,
Start from the monumental bed
And lift their ghastly eyes.

Horrors all hearts appall;
They quake, they shriek, they cry;
Bid rocks and mountains on them [fall,
But rocks and mountains fly.

Teacher. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. ix. 27.

Scholars. Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. xiv. 12.

T. God shall judge the righteous and the wicked. Eccles. iii. 17.

S. I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them. Rev. xx. 11.

T. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev. xx. 12.

S. Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Eccles. xi. 9.

T. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccles. xii. 14.

S. Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Matt. xii. 36.

T. In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ. Rom. ii. 16.

S. The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 1 Thess. v. 2.

T. The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light; and the stars of heaven shall fall; and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. Mark xiii. 24, 25.

S. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great pomp and glory. Mark xiii. 26.

T. Who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. 1 Pet. iv. 5.

S. The Lord Jesus Christ shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing. 2 Tim. iv. 1.

T. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven. Mark xiii. 32.

S. The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained. Acts xvii. 30, 31.

T. The end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 Pet. iv. 7.

S. Let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night; but let us, who are of the day, be sober. 1 Thess. v. 6, 7.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Maker of all things, Judge of all men! thou hast appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment, when every one of us shall give an account of himself to God, and thou wilt judge the secrets of all hearts, whether they be good or evil. Oh may we live under the constant impression of this solemn truth, that all our words and actions are under the observation of our Creator and Judge, who is a God of infinite purity, inflexible justice and almighty power.

God of benevolence and mercy, we have reason to bless thee that before we are summoned by the voice of the archangel and the trump of God with the quick and dead to stand before thy dread tribunal, we are invited in the gospel to come boldly to the throne of grace, there to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. God of compassion, pardon our sins and sanctify our hearts, and prepare them for the solemnities of death and the realities of that awful day when thy thunders shall shake the poles, and the mighty angel shall set his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the earth, and swear by Him that liveth for ever and ever that time shall be no longer.

And when the great white throne shall descend with Him that sitteth thereon, while the wicked shall say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb," may we hail the appearance of our Saviour and Judge: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." And when the earth and sea shall give up their dead, and the books shall be opened, and the dead judged out of the things that are written therein according to their works, grant that our names may be found written in the Lamb's book of life, and that we may receive the welcome plaudits, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

HAPPINESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

Fifth Saturday in the Month. Morning.

HYMN 134. P. M.

Happy Land.

THERE is a happy land, far, far away,
Where saints in glory stand,
Bright, bright as day;
Oh how they sweetly sing—
Worthy is our Saviour King;
Loud let his praises ring for evermore.
Come to this happy land, come, come
Why will ye doubting stand? [away;
Why still delay?
Oh we shall happy be,
When from sin and sorrow free, [more.
Lord, we shall live with thee, blest ever-
Bright in that happy land beams every
Kept by a Father's hand, [eye;
Love cannot die.
Oh then to glory run;
Be a crown and kingdom won,
And bright above the sun reign evermore.

HYMN 135. C. M.

Varina.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.
There everlasting spring abides,
And never-with'ring flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.
Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand dress'd in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan roll'd between.
Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream nor death's cold flood
Should fright us from the shore.

Teacher. Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 1 Tim. iv. 8.

Scholars. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates unto the city. Rev. xxii. 14.

T. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt; and where thieves do not break through, nor steal. Matt. vi. 20.

S. He hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance

incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. 1 Pet. 3, 4.

T. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. ii. 9.

S. We, according to his promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Pet. iii. 13.

T. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it; the glory of God did lighten it; and the Lamb is the light thereof. Rev. xxi. 22, 23.

S. And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads: the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. xxii. 4, 5.

T. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Rev. iii. 21.

S. They are before the throne of God; and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. Rev. vii. 15.

T. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth: these were redeemed from among men; being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. Rev. xiv. 4.

S. Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Ps. xvi. 11.

T. The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Isa. lx. 19.

S. The inhabitants shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. Isa. xxxiii. 24.

T. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. Rev. vii. 16.

S. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Rev. vii. 17.

PRAYER.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. We adore thee as our Creator and God. Create us anew in Christ Jesus unto righteousness and true holiness, that we may honor thee in our souls and bodies which are thine.

Blessed Jesus, we adore thee as our Redeemer! Thou wast delivered for our offences and rose for our justification, that thou mightest redeem us from iniquity, and purify unto thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us!

We praise thee, our Immanuel, that, having finished the work of our redemption on earth, thou hast gone to prepare a place for us in heaven, and that thou hast left the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Sanctifier, to prepare us for our inheritance with the saints in light. Although eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him, we bless thee that we know that in thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Weary in life's pilgrimage, smitten by the sun, faint with sickness, hungered and athirst, we thank thee that a rest remains to the people of God, where the inhabitants shall not say, I am sick; where they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, etc.

MISERY OF THE WICKED.

Fifth Saturday in the Month. Evening.

HYMN 136. C. M.

Fear.

TERRIBLE thought! shall I alone,
Who may be saved, shall I,
Of all alas! whom I have known,
Through sin for ever die?

While all my old companions dear,
With whom I once did live,
Joyful at God's right hand appear,
A blessing to receive;

Shall I, amidst a ghastly band,
Dragg'd to the judgment-seat,
Far on the left with horror stand,
My fearful doom to meet?

Ah no! I still may turn and live,
For still his wrath delays;
He now vouchsafes a kind reprieve,
And offers me his grace.

HYMN 137. S. M.

Murdoch.

THERE is beyond the sky
A heaven of joy and love;
And holy children, when they die,
Go to that world above.

There is a dreadful hell
And everlasting pains;
There sinners must with devils dwell,
In darkness, fire and chains.

Can such a child as I
Escape this awful end?
And may I hope, whene'er I die,
I shall to heaven ascend?

Then will I read and pray,
While I have life and breath,
Lest I should be cut off to-day
And sent to eternal death.

Teacher. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. ix. 17.

Scholars. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Mark ix. 48.

T. For God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment. 2 Pet. ii. 4.

S. Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven: and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. iv. 1.

T. The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night;

for when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them. 1 Thess. v. 2, 3.

S. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity. Matt. xiii. 41.

T. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matt. xiii. 42.

S. He shall say to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. xxv. 41.

T. For I was a-hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not. Matt. xxv. 42, 43.

S. Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me; and these shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. xxv. 45, 46.

T. The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. i. 7, 8.

S. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thess. i. 9.

T. Behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots, like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. Isa. lxvi. 15.

S. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. x. 31.

T. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire, and devour, and there be none to quench it. Amos v. 6.

S. For our God is a consuming fire. Heb. xii. 29.

T. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. Isa. iii. 11.

S. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. Isa. iii. 9.

PRAYER.

O LORD, our God and Father in Christ, we bless thee that thou hast preserved us in health and strength this day, and permitted us to assemble in thy gracious presence to seek mercy and find grace and acceptance with thee. Leave us not, we pray thee, to our own weakness and the devices of our own hearts, but guide us by thy wisdom, strengthen us by thy might and preserve us from all unholy thoughts, unhallowed tempers and sinful actions, that we may live void of offence toward thee and all those with whom we are connected.

May the solemn truths we have read this evening make suitable impressions upon our minds. Teach us, O Lord, to compare a life of folly with a life of wisdom, a life of godliness with a life of sin. Show us that, while great peace have they that keep thy law, the wicked are like the troubled sea that cannot rest; that, while the hope of the righteous is gladness, the expectation of the wicked shall perish; that, while the fear of the Lord prolongeth days, the years of the wicked are shortened; and that, while the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day, the light of the wicked shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. Oh give us to see that those who sow to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting, while the wages of sin is death; and that they who do his commandments have right to the tree of life, and shall enter in through the gates unto the heavenly city, while the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God, where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

Oh convince us that if we do not hearken to thy call of mercy, we shall hear the thunders of thy justice—if we are not saved by thy love, we shall be destroyed in thine anger, that we may flee from the wrath to come, and lay hold upon the hope set before us in the gospel.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, etc.

LORD'S SUPPER.

Communion Sunday. Morning.

HYMN 138. C. M.

Warwick.

THAT doleful night before his death,
The Lamb, for sinners slain,
Did, almost with his dying breath,
This solemn feast proclaim.

To keep the feast, Lord, we have met,
And to remember thee;
Help each poor trembler to repeat,
For me he died, for me!

Thy suff'rings, Lord, each sacred sign
To our remembrance brings:
We eat the bread, and drink the wine,
But think on nobler things.

Oh tune our tongues, and set in frame
Each heart that pants for thee,
To sing—Hosanna to the Lamb,
The Lamb that died for me!

HYMN 139. S. M.

Cranbrook.

GLORY to God on high,
Our peace is made with Heaven;
The Son of God came down to die,
That we might be forgiven.

His precious blood was shed,
His body bruised for sin:
Remember this in eating bread,
And this in drinking wine.

Approach his royal board,
In his rich garments clad;
Join every tongue to praise the Lord,
And every heart be glad.

The Father gives the Son;
The Son, his flesh and blood:
The Spirit seals; and faith puts on
The righteousness of God.

Teacher. I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. 1 Cor. xi. 23.

Scholars. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. xi. 24.

T. After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. xi. 25.

S. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. xi. 26.

T. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts ii. 42.

S. And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. Acts ii. 46, 47.

T. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. v. 7.

S. Let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. v. 8.

T. Our fathers did all eat the same spiritual meat, and did drink the same spiritual drink (for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ). 1 Cor. x. 3, 4.

S. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1 Cor. x. 16.

T. For we, being many, are one bread and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 1 Cor. x. 17.

S. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils. 1 Cor. x. 21.

T. Whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. xi. 27, 28.

S. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 1 Cor. xi. 29.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, that of thine infinite mercy thou didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ for our redemption, who upon the altar of the cross made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world.

Adorable and most blessed Saviour and Redeemer, we glorify thee for thy matchless benevolence, that when about to be wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, with thy humiliation and death in view—the mockery of the judgment-seat of Herod, the crown of thorns, the red and purple robe and the cross with all its circumstances of awfulness and agony—even in that hour thou didst forget thine own sufferings in the benevolent wish to comfort thy sorrowing disciples and all thy future followers, and didst institute in the breaking of bread and the drinking of wine a perpetual memorial of thy precious death and passion.

Holy Spirit of grace, breathe upon our hearts in the ordinance, and grant unto us repentance and remission of sins, faith, love and new obedience, that the supper of our dying Lord may ever be to the eye of faith a pledge of the covenant of mercy in the blood of Christ—that it may be our Passover of exemption from the dominion of sin and the wrath of the destroying angel; our sacrament of allegiance to Immanuel our King; a feast of marrow and fat things and of wines on the lees—a feast in which he shall sup with us, and we with him; and a season of precious communion with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

We thank thee, our Father and God, that we will be permitted this day to tread the courts of thine earthly sanctuary, and to read and listen to the word of life; bless to us the services in which we may be engaged, and bring us to spend an endless Sabbath with thee in heaven. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, etc.

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISES TO GOD.

Thanksgiving Day. Morning.

HYMN 140. C. M

Piety.

PRAISE ye the Lord, ye immortal choirs
That fill the worlds above;
Praise him who form'd you of his fires
And feeds you with his love.

Shine to his praise, ye crystal skies,
The floor of his abode,
Or veil in shades your thousand eyes
Before your brighter God.

Thou restless globe of golden light,
Whose beams create our days,
Join with the silver queen of light,
To own your borrow'd rays.

Thunder and hail, and fire and storms,
The troops of his command,
Appear in all your dreadful forms
And speak his awful hand.

Shout to the Lord, ye surging seas,
In your eternal roar;
Let wave to wave resound his praise
And shore reply to shore.

HYMN 141. L. M.

Hanner.

OH praise the Lord in that blest place
From whence his bounty freely flows;
Praise him in heaven, where he his face
Unveiled in perfect glory shows.

Praise him for all the mighty acts
Which he in our behalf has done;
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

To the shrill trumpet's warlike voice
Let rocks and hills his praise resound;
Praise him with harp's melodious noise
And gentle psaltery's silver sound.

Let them who joyful hymns compose
To cymbals set their songs of praise:
To well-tuned cymbals and to those
That loudly sound on solemn days.

Let all that vital breath enjoy,
The breath he does to them afford
In just return of praise employ:
Let every creature praise the Lord.

Teacher. Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Ps. cxlviii. 1.

Scholars. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Ps. cxlviii. 2.

T. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Ps. cxlviii. 3.

S. Praise him, ye heaven of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Ps. cxlviii. 4.

T. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. Ps. cxlviii. 5.

S. He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. Ps. cxlviii. 6.

T. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps. Ps. cxlviii. 7.

S. Fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind fulfilling his word. Ps. cxlviii. 8.

T. Mountains and hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars. Ps. cxlviii. 9.

S. Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowls. Ps. cxlviii. 10.

T. Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth. Ps. cxlviii. 11.

S. Both young men and maidens, old men and children. Ps. cxlviii. 12.

T. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. Ps. cxlviii. 13.

S. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints: even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. cxlviii. 14.

T. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Ps. cxxxv. 1.

S. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. Ps. cxxxv. 2.

T. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant. Ps. cxxxv. 3.

S. Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Ps. cxlvi. 1.

T. Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Ps. cl. 1.

S. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Ps. cl. 2.

T. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Ps. cl. 3.

S. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Ps. cl. 4.

T. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Ps. cl. 5.

S. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. cl. 6.

PRAYER.

We praise thee, O God; praise waiteth for thee in Zion and unto thee shall the vow be performed. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. All thy works praise thee, O God. Thou art glorified in the sun and moon, and in all the stars of light; in the heaven of heavens, and in the waters that be under the heavens, for thou didst command and they were created.

All thy creatures praise thee, O God; angels and all the shining hosts, kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth, both young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heavens. While angels and archangels adore thee in the heights, crying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth! heaven and earth are full of thy glory," we, thy lower creation, would this morning raise a fresh memorial, and inscribe it to the God of our salvation: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We will praise thee, O Lord, for thy mercy endureth for ever. Blessed be the Lord God, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation!

We praise thee, O God the Father, as our Creator; thou hast made us and not we ourselves. We praise thee, O God the Son, as our Redeemer; thou hast redeemed us by thy precious blood, as of a lamb without spot and blemish. We praise thee, O God the Holy Ghost, as our Sanctifier; thou dost cleanse us from all sin. O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, help us to love and praise thee upon earth, and bring us with cherubim and seraphim, with the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs and the general assembly and Church of the first-born to praise thee in heaven, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, etc.

APPENDIX.

SCRIPTURES OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

THE word Scriptures literally signifies Writings, and the word Bible, Book. These names are now given, by way of eminence, to the compositions which contain the revealed will of God. The term Scriptures occurs in this sense in the Gospels, Acts and Epistles, and denotes the books received by the Jews as the rule of their faith. To these books have been added the writings of the apostles and evangelists, which complete the collection of books acknowledged by Christians to be divinely inspired. The Bible, or the Book, was used in its present sense by the early Christians, as we learn from Chrysostom.

The Bible is divided into two parts, called the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament contains the sacred books that were written before the time of our Saviour. The New Testament contains the inspired books that have been written since—viz., the Gospels, Acts and Epistles. These all were written in Greek, with the exception of the Gospel of St. Matthew, which, according to commentators, was originally written in Hebrew, and afterward translated into Greek.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and is the only book extant in that language. The Old Testament, in our Bible, consists of thirty-nine books; among the Jews it formed but twenty-two, being the number of letters in their alphabet. They divided these twenty-two books into three classes. The first class consisted of five books—namely, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—which they called the Law. They are also denominated the Pentateuch. The second class consisted of thirteen books—namely, Joshua, Judges and Ruth in one book, the two books, respectively, of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, in single books; Ezra and

Nehemiah, in one book; Esther, Job, Isaiah and the two books of Jeremiah in one; Ezekiel, Daniel and the twelve minor prophets in one book. These thirteen books they called the Prophets. The third class consisted of the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon, which were called The Psalms, from the name of the first book in the class. The above four books were also called, by the Hebrews, Chetubim, and by the Greeks, Hagiographa. The translation of the Old Testament into Greek was made at Alexandria under Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt. It was called the Septuagint, from the seventy-two translators, seventy being a round number.

PENTATEUCH, PSALMS AND HISTORICAL BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

NAMES.	CHAPTERS.	AUTHORS.	DATE BEFORE CHRIST.
PENTATEUCH, OR LAW.			
Genesis	50	Moses	4004–1635
Exodus	40	Moses	1635–1490
Leviticus	27	Moses	1490
Numbers	36	Moses	1490–1451
Deuteronomy	34	Moses	1451
HISTORICAL BOOKS.			
Joshua	24	Joshua	1451–1425
Judges	21	Samuel, etc.	1425–1120
Ruth	4	Samuel	1241–1231
1 Samuel	31	Samuel	1171–1055
2 Samuel	24	Sam. and Nathan.	1055–1015
1 Kings	22	Nathan, Gad, etc.	1015–890
2 Kings	25	Isaiah, Idas, etc.	890–562
1 Chronicles	29	Ezra	4004–1010
2 Chronicles	36	Ezra, etc.	1010–536
Ezra	10	Ezra	536–456
Nehemiah	13	Nehemiah	455–420
Esther	10	Ezra	521–495
Job	42	Moses	2180 or 2130
BOOKS OF PSALMS.			
Psalms	150	David, etc	David's, 1060–1015
Proverbs	31	Solomon	1000
Ecclesiastes	12	Solomon	977
Song of Solomon	8	Solomon	1010

PROPHETICAL BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

NAMES.	CHAPTERS.	BEFORE CHRIST.	KINGS OF JUDAH.	KINGS OF ISRAEL.
Isaiah	...66...	810–698	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and Manasseh.	Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekaiah, Pekah, Hosea.
Jeremiah.....	...52...	628–586	Josiah.	
Lamentations.	.....5...	628–586	Josiah.	
Ezekiel	...48...	595–536	During the Captivity.	
Daniel	...12...	606–534	During the Captivity.	
Hosea.....	...14...	810–725	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah.	Jeroboam II., chap. i. 1.
Joel	.....3...	810–660	Uzziah or Manasseh.	Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekaiah, Pekah, Hosea.
Amos.....	.....9...	810–725	Uzziah, chap. i. 1.	Jeroboam II., chap. i. 1.
Obadiah	.....1...	588–583	After siege by Nebuchadnezzar.	
Jonah.....	.....4...	856–784	Joash, Amaziah or Azariah.	Jehu and Jehoahaz, or Joash and Jeroboam II.
Micah	.....7...	758–699	Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, chap. i. 1.	Pekah and Hosea.
Nahum.....	.....3...	720–698	Hezekiah.	
Habakkuk	.....3...	612–598	Jehoiakim.	
Zephaniah.....	.....3...	640–609	Josiah, chap. i. 1.	
Haggai	.....2...	520–518	After return from Babylon.	
Zechariah.....	...14...	520–510	After return from Babylon.	
Malachi.....	.....4...	436–397	After return from Babylon.	

Although he is the fifth prophet in the order of time, Isaiah has been placed first in our Bible, not merely on account of the greater length of his book, but on account of the surpassing importance and sublimity of his predictions. Malachi, who was last in the order of time, and who predicted the coming of the forerunner of the Messiah, with great propriety comes last, and closes the ancient canon of prophecy. The twelve minor prophets are so called, not as less inspired, but as having uttered fewer predictions.

TABLE OF THE SCRIPTURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

BOOKS.	CHAPTERS.	AUTHORS.	PLACE.	TO WHOM WRITTEN.	TIME, A. D.
St. Matthew, in Hebrew..	...28...	St. Matthew	Judea.....	Hebrew Christians	38
St. Matthew, in Greek	...28...	St. Matthew	Judea.....	Gentile Christians	60
St. Mark.....	...16...	St. Mark ...	Rome	Gentile Christians	61
St. Luke.....	...24...	St. Luke....	Greece...	Gentile Christians	63
St. John.....	...21...	St. John....	Ephesus..	General Epistle...	98
Acts of Apostles.....	...28...	St. Luke....	Greece ...	Theophilus, etc....	64
Romans	...16...	St. Paul.....	Corinth...	Gentile Christians	58
1 Corinthians..	...16...	St. Paul.....	Ephesus..	Gentile Christians	57
2 Corinthians..	...13...	St. Paul.....	Macedonia	Gentile Christians	58
Galatians.....	.....6...	St. Paul.....	Corinth...	Gentile Christians	53
Ephesians.....	.....6...	St. Paul.....	Rome	Gentile Christians	61
Philippians....	.....4...	St. Paul.....	Rome	Gentile Christians	62
Colossians.....	.....4...	St. Paul.....	Rome	Gentile Christians	62
1Thessalonians	.....5...	St. Paul.....	Corinth...	Gentile Christians	52
2Thessalonians	.....3...	St. Paul.....	Corinth...	Gentile Christians	52
1 Timothy.....	.....6...	St. Paul.....	Macedonia	Timothy.....	64
2 Timothy.....	.....4...	St. Paul.....	Rome	Timothy.....	65
Titus	.....3...	St. Paul.....	Macedonia	Titus.....	64
Philemon	.....1...	St. Paul.....	Rome	Philemon.....	63
Hebrews.....	...13...	St. Paul.....	Italy.....	Hebrew Christians	63
St. James.....	.....5...	St. James...	Judea.....	Jewish nation.....	61
1 St. Peter.....	.....5...	St. Peter....	Rome	General Epistle...	64
2 St. Peter.....	.....3...	St. Peter....	Rome	General Epistle...	65
1 St. John.....	.....5...	St. John....	Ephesus..	General Epistle...	68
2 St. John.....	.....1...	St. John....	Ephesus..	The Elect Lady...	69
3 St. John.....	.....1...	St. John	Ephesus..	Gaius.....	69
St. Jude.....	.....1...	St. Jude	Unknown	General Epistle...	65
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The Canon of the New Testament consists of twenty-seven books, which were written by eight different authors, all of whom were contemporary with our Saviour. These books were written at different times, and at places remote from each other; and when the latest of them was published the Gospel had been preached and churches founded in many parts of Asia, Europe and Africa. Origen, who lived in the third century, made the first catalogue of the books of the New Testament.

FORMS OF GRACE AT TABLE.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

I. BOUNTIFUL Giver of every good and perfect gift, thy hand is ever open to bless thy needy creatures. Let thy blessing descend on this food to nourish our bodies; and give us the bread of life to sustain our souls, through Christ the Redeemer. Amen!

II. Almighty God, the eyes of all wait on thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Bless, we pray thee, the present offerings of thy bounty to the refreshment and strengthening of our bodies, and save us for Christ's sake. Amen!

III. God of benevolence, thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Again thou hast provided for our returning wants. Grant us thy blessing on the present food, pardon our sins, and enable us to live to thy honor and glory. Amen!

IV. Author of all good, we are still encompassed by thy mercy and fed of thy bounty. Bless to our use the food thou hast provided, and give us grace to live to thy glory, as we live upon thy bounty. Amen!

V. Bless, O Lord, we entreat thee, this food to the sustenance of our bodies, nourish our souls with thy grace, and bring us to thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

VI. Lord, thou hast again spread a table for our perishing bodies; break to our souls the bread of life, that we may eat and live for ever, through Christ Jesus. Amen!

VII. Give us grace, O Lord, to partake aright of this and every offering of thy bounty, that whether we eat, or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to thy glory. Amen!

VIII. Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech thee, these offerings of thy bounty to our use, and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

GRACE AFTER MEAT.

I. Author of all our comforts, and God of all grace, we thank thee for the rich provision made for our temporal and spiritual wants, and especially for the food with which we have now been refreshed. Prepare our hearts to obey thee upon earth, that we may eat bread in thy heavenly kingdom.

II. Our Father and God, we would render unto thee our grateful acknowledgments for this renewed token of thy favor. May we feel under increased obligations to love and serve thee for all thy mercies, through Christ Jesus. Amen!

III. Heavenly Father, we have again been fed of thy bounty. What shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits? Oh help us to show our gratitude for thy mercies by walking in thy ways and keeping thy commandments, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

IV. Our gracious Benefactor, we thank thee for this token of thy favor, in the supply of our bodily wants. Enable us to partake of the provision made for our souls in Christ Jesus. Oh may we all receive of his fullness, and grace for grace. Amen!

V. Accept, O Lord, our thanks for the food which we have now received, and enable us to prove the sincerity of our gratitude by the obedience of our lives, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

VI. We bless thee, O Lord, for this refreshment of our bodies; oh feed our souls with the bread of life, that we may grow in grace, and sit down with thee at thy table in our Father's kingdom.

VII. Blessed be the name of the Lord for this and all other blessings conferred upon us, whether temporal or spiritual, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

VIII. Blessed be the Lord God, who daily loadeth us with benefits, for this and every expression of his loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

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